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Rugby legend passes away

Tributes to Gareth Williams - see page 20.



FAMILY PROJECT SUPPORTERS HIT THE HEIGHTS TO RAISE FUNDS



MEMBERS of staff and supporters from the SPLICE Child and Family Project have raised over £300 for repairs to their premises by climbing Pen Y Fan.

The colleagues and friends walked to the top of south Wales' highest peak to start a fundraising campaign, after significant damage to the roof of their community centre in Pyle was revealed by severe leaks.

The charity, it says, provides courses and recreational learning activities aimed at developing parents' confidence and self-esteem, to help give children a better start in life.

It has been able to

continue its work thanks to temporary repairs, but now needs to raise £5,000 to fund a more permanent solution.

Tracey Morgan, child and family organiser at SPLICE said: "I'm so proud of everyone who literally went the extra mile to raise these vital funds for SPLICE."

"Their efforts typify how everyone has pulled together to continue supporting local families despite the difficult conditions."

"The courses, drop-in sessions and recreational activities that we provide at our community centre give families the opportunity to socialise, and play a key role in enhancing their parenting skills."

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Local RNLI man gets invitation to the Royal Wedding

PORHC A W L RNLI helmsman Chris Page has received a very special invitation for this coming Saturday.

He will be one of 1,200 public guests at the wedding of the marriage of His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales and Meghan Markle.

Lifeboat operations manager Phil Missen said: "It is a great honour to have one of our crew members representing Porthcawl RNLI at Windsor Castle."

"Chris has been an exceptional volunteer and has dedicated many hours for the benefit of our charity. Besides his normal crew duties he manages our website and Facebook page."

"He was also heavily involved in RNLI video editing, some of which was used in last year's BBC programme, *Saving Lives at Sea*, which featured some of our rescues."

"His invitation is well-deserved and I hope that the experience will be a treasured memory for Chris."

Chris who lives in Nottage, Porthcawl, works in the family business and has been a crew member for 14 years. He was nominated

for his contribution to the local community and will be invited into the grounds of Windsor Castle to watch the arrival of guests and listen to the Wedding Service broadcast live.

After the ceremony they will watch the bride and groom carriage procession.

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Chris Page. (Photo by Steve Jones/ Porthcawl RNLI).

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Ogi Ogi Ogwr Welsh festival at the Bridgend Show

FOR the first time last year, the Ogi Ogi Ogwr Festival was held in partnership with the Bridgend Show in Pencoed.

The festival was held within the show on the Sunday with performances from some of Bridgend county's residents in the morning and stalls and activities during the day.

Menter Bro Ogwr is pleased to announce that the Welsh festival at the show will be returning this year and we hope it will be just as special, if not better, than last year.

There were performances by pupils from our county's Welsh schools and Dawnsyr Pen-y-bont,

which made a big impression on the show organisers.

We will be back again this year with Welsh performances, stalls, information and activities for all ages.

Ogi Ogi Ogwr – the little Welsh festival at the show – will be held on Sunday, July 15. Entry to the show is free, so it's the perfect excuse to get the whole family out for an interesting and exciting day in the open air.

We made a big impression on the show organisers last year and they are keen to develop the show into a bilingual event. We met the organisers and will have our own marquee for three days – the show's Welsh marquee. We are eager to have representation from all of the Welsh organisations in our area so that we can showcase all that is available to the public through the medium of Welsh in our county.

The show will run from July 13-15 with the Ogi Ogi Ogwr Festival taking place on the Sunday, July 15.

So, put a note in the diary and follow Menter Bro Ogwr on Facebook and Twitter to receive the latest news about the festival. Fingers crossed the weather will be just as fine this year and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

Do you perform in Welsh?

Are you interested in performing at Ogi Ogi Ogwr this year? We would like to invite any soloists, duos, choirs, or dance groups, performing in Welsh or to Welsh music to come and perform during the day. There are so many talented young people, children and adults in our county, we are eager to get everyone together to perform at our little festival to raise the profile of the Welsh language at the show.

We are eager to attract people to our marquee by offering activities e.g. arts and crafts, singing, talks and performances over the three days, and especially on the Sunday.

If you are interested in having a stall or if you would like to take part in Ogi Ogi Ogwr 2018, contact us at once. You can complete an application form online. Details are available by contacting the Menter Bro Ogwr office, marged@menterbroogwr.org or calling 01656 732200.

Ogi Ogi Ogwr 2018 – eich gŵyl fach Gymraeg yn yno
LLYNEDD, am y tro cyntaf, cynhaliwyd Gŵyl Ogi Ogi Ogwr mewn partneriaeth â Sioe Pen-y-bont ym Mhencod.

Cafodd yr ŵyl ei gynnal ar y dydd Sul fel rhan o'r sioe gyda pherfformiadau gan drigolion talentog ein sir yn y bore a stondinau a gweithgareddau yn ystod

y dydd.

Mae Menter Bro Ogwr yn falch iawn i gyhoeddi bod eich gŵyl fach Gymraeg yn y sioe yn dychwelyd unwaith eto eleni ac rydym yn gobeithio y cawn ni ddiwrnod mor arbennig os nad gwell na llynedd.

Cawsom berfformiadau ardderchog gan blant a phobl ifanc y sir y flwyddyn ddiwethaf. Roedd perfformiadau gan ddisgyblion ysgolion Cymraeg y sir a Dawnsyr Pen-y-bont wedi creu argraff fawr ar drefnwyr y sioe.

Byddwn ni nôl eleni eto gyda rhagor o berfformiadau, stondinau, gwybodaeth a gweithgareddau Cymraeg ar gyfer pob oedran.

Bydd Ogi Ogi Ogwr – eich gŵyl fach Gymraeg yn y sioe yn cael ei gynnal ar ddydd Sul, Orffennaf 15. Mae mynediad i'r sioe am ddim felly mae'n esgus perffaith i gael yr holl deulu mas am ddiwrnod cyffrous a diddorol yn yr awyrgored.

Gwnaethom argraff fawr ar drefnwyr y sy'n ceisio datblygu'r sioe i fod yn un ddwyieithog.

Rydym wedi cyfarfod gyda'r trefnwyr a byddwn yn derbyn pabell ein hun eleni am y tridiau. Dyma fydd Pabell Cymraeg y sioe. Rydym yn awyddus i gael cynrychiolaeth gan holl fudiadau Cymraeg yr ardal er mwyn dangos popeth sydd ar gael i'r cyhoedd trwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg yn ein sir.

Bydd y sioe yn rhedeg o'r Orffennaf 13-15 gyda Gŵyl Ogi Ogi Ogwr yn digwydd ar y dydd Sul sef y 15fed.

Felly, rhodwch nodyn yn y dyddiadur a dilynwch Fenter Bro Ogwr ar Facebook a Twitter er mwyn derbyn y newyddion diweddaraf am yr ŵyl.

Croesi bydd y dydd y tywydd yr un mor braf eleni ac edrychwn ymlaen at weld chi ar y dydd.

Perfformio yn Gymraeg?

Oes diddordeb gyda chi berfformio yn Ogi Ogi Ogwr eleni? Rydym yn estyn gwahoddiad i unawdwr, deudawdau, corau, grwpiau dawns a mwyr i ddod a pherfformio yn ystod y dydd. Mae cymaint o bobl ifanc, plant ac oedolion talentog yn ein sir, rydym yn awyddus i gael pawb ynghyd i berfformio yn ein gŵyl fach a chodi ymwybyddiaeth o'r Gymraeg yn y sioe.

Er mwyn denu pobl i'r bawell, rydym yn awyddus iawn i gynnwys gweithgareddau e.e. Celf a Chrefft, canu, sgwrs, perfformiadau, a yb yn y bawell dros y tridiau, yn enwedig ar y dydd Sul.

Os oes diddordeb gyda chi gael stondin neu os hoffech chi gymryd rhan yn Ogi Ogi Ogwr 2018? Cysylltwch â ni ar unwaith. Gallwch lanw ffurflen gais ar-lein. Cewch y manylion drwy gysylltu â swyddfa Menter Bro Ogwr, marged@menterbroogwr.org; 01656 732200.

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MP WELCOMES HEALTH SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO SOCIAL MEDIA INQUIRY

OGMORE MP Chris Elmore has welcomed a commitment from the Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt MP, to engage with an upcoming inquiry about mental health and social media.

As chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Social Media and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing, Mr Elmore will soon be launching an inquiry into how

the negative impact of social media can best be minimised.

The inquiry will take place in conjunction with the Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH). In its recent Status Of Mind report, it was claimed that social media could be as addictive as cigarettes and alcohol.

Mr Hunt made the commitment in response to a question by Mr Elmore during Health Questions.

Speaking after Health

Questions, Mr Elmore said: "I am encouraged that the Health Secretary has agreed to engage with the upcoming inquiry and I hope that we can take a cross-party approach to tackling the issue."

"The impact of social media on young people's mental health and wellbeing is a growing issue, and we need urgent action to cancel out the negative effect that these platforms can have."

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COUNTRY PARK TAKES CENTRE STAGE FOR OUTDOOR THEATRE

BRYNGARW Country Park in Brynmynen is set to stage six outdoor theatre events this summer.

The season starts with Immersion Theatre's production of *Peter Pan* at 5.30pm on Wednesday, July 25.

On Wednesday, August 1 at 3pm, the Quantum Theatre return to Bryngarw with its adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's *The Reluctant Dragon*, a tale of bravery, friendship and derring-do for all the family.

Bryngarw's annual Shakespearean performance will once again be provided by the Rain or Shine Theatre Company, with its production of *Much Ado About Nothing* on Wednesday, August 8 at 8pm.

Little Blue Monster return for a second year with its brand-new production *Pirate Pearl and the Big Blue Monster* at 2pm on Tuesday, August 14. Aimed at younger audiences, the show tells the story of Pearl, a little girl who loves to imagine she's sailing the seven seas on a swashbuckling pirate adventure.

Following last year's successful (albeit soaking wet) performance of *Billionaire Boy*, Heartbreak Productions is returning to the park

at 7pm on August 15 with another family favourite, *Pride and Prejudice*.

On August 22 at 6pm, Heartbreak Productions will once again return to the park with its adaptation of the David Walliams' best-selling book, *The Midnight Gang*.

Richard Hughes, chief executive of Awen Cultural Trust, which runs Bryngarw Country Park, said: "Our programme of open-air theatre at Bryngarw Country Park is becoming more successful each year."

"By offering something for all ages and interests, we hope to encourage even more families to enjoy time in the great outdoors and experience the natural heritage we have on our doorstep."

"Our audiences are invited to bring along rugs and blankets, pack a picnic and take in the beautiful surroundings of Bryngarw while enjoying the shows."

These events will take place outside and will go ahead in rain or shine. There are no seats in the park, but visitors are welcome to bring low-backed chairs or blankets to sit on. Picnics are welcome, or refreshments can be bought from the tea room. Children must be accompanied at all times.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL MAY 24)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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19 Sat	10.07	9.8	22.26	9.5
20 Sun	10.56	9.4	23.18	9.1
21 Mon	11.52	8.8		
22 Tues	00.19	8.6	12.57	8.4
23 Wed	01.27	8.3	14.09	8.2
24 Thur	02.43	8.3	15.25	8.4

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Hannah presents Welsh rugby shirt to her old school

FORMER St Clare's pupil, Hannah Bluck (20), returned to her old school to present her Welsh rugby shirt.

Hannah, from Porthcawl, has represented Wales at football, basketball and now rugby. Despite only picking up a rugby ball a year ago, she was one of 10 uncapped players to be named in the Wales women's squad for the 2018 Six Nations in February and went on to make a dream debut, touching down in the first half of their 18-17 win.

The selection has topped a busy few years for multi-talented athlete Hannah, who is studying for a degree in strength and conditioning at the University of South Wales (USW).

Hannah first represented Wales in basketball when she was in school aged 15, and within the space of two months Hannah, who played centre-back, had represented Wales in football at three age levels: under-16, under-17 and under-19.

She had a serious setback, however, in



Headteacher Simon Antwis receives Hannah Bluck's rugby shirt.

2013 when she dislocated her ankle 180 degrees and fractured her fibula, but the freak accident also led to the diagnosis of avascular necrosis in her tibia, a rare condition that causes a lack of blood supply to the bone.

Never one to give up, she fought back and after surgery, Hannah was in the gym three times a week weight training.

She returned to football two years later and it was then she was asked to help out with training the women's rugby team at USW and from there, Hannah

started to play rugby. "I was so happy to be given the chance to represent Wales. It's an honour to play for your country. I'm really keen to be a role model, and show others that it's possible to achieve anything if you work hard enough."

"With the women's game becoming more and more popular, and the men's game already being strong, I'm hoping to be able to use my degree and get a job in the strength and conditioning side of things, and I can only see my experience helping with that."

BRIDGEND AM WILL STAND DOWN AT NEXT ELECTION



Election night back in 2003.

THEY say a week is a long time in politics so the big question is: 'Will Bridgend be a safe Labour constituency in 2021?' - because that is when Carwyn Jones, the former First Minister, will be standing down, writes Philip Irwin.

He is the only AM that Bridgend has ever had.

Mr Jones told the general committee of Bridgend Constituency Labour Party that he will not be seeking their

support as the Welsh Labour candidate at the Assembly elections and will stand down in 2021.

He said: "It's been the greatest honour for me to have been First Minister of Wales but it's been a particular pleasure to have represented my home area for what will be 22 years by 2021."

"To have been the first person to represent Bridgend in Wales' first elected parliament is something I will always cherish."

"The people of Bridgend have supported me in five elections and I

owe everything that I've done in public life to the support they've given me since 1999."

"As I will be standing down as First Minister in December I think it's right that I should move on from the Assembly at the next election."

"I'd like to thank the people of Bridgend, the local Labour Party, and of course, my family for the support they've given me over the years."

"I'll be looking at other things to do now and politics certainly hasn't seen the end of me but it's time for a new

candidate to come forward and pick up the baton."

Bridgend did not always seem a safe Labour seat for Mr Jones, where the Conservatives have always been his main challengers.

In his first two elections (1999 and 2003) he was against the current Welsh Secretary, Alun Cairns.

Mr Jones won in 1999 with a majority of over 4,000 (9,321 to 5,063).

However, in 2003, Mr Cairns made inroads into that majority, cutting it to 2,421 (9,487 to 7,066).

It stayed almost the same in 2007, when Emma L Greenow contested the seat for the Conservatives (9,889 to 7,333).

However, he increased his majority in 2011 to 6,775, when Pencoed councillor Alex Williams stood (13,499 to 6,724).

Finally, in 2016, the Conservatives parachuted in George Jabbour - their 'have seat, will travel' candidate - but Mr Jones' majority stayed solid at 5,623 (12,166 to 6,543).



Carwyn Jones (second left) pictured recently at The Squirrel's Nest Men's Shed in Tondur. (Photo by Mandy Thomas Photography).

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Young writers impress Rotary Club judges



First prize was awarded to Euan Sainsbury from West Park Primary, pictured with Barbara Stubbs and Ron Jones.



Second prize winner Joshua from Nottage Primary.



Third prize winner was Isobel from Porthcawl Primary, receiving her certificate from Sandra Townsend.

YOUNG writers from Porthcawl schools showed how talented and imaginative they can be when they took up the challenge of entering the Rotary Young Writers Competition.

This is a well-established nation-wide competition and Rotary in Porthcawl invited children aged 7 to 10 from Porthcawl primary schools to enter the local heats.

Three schools took part – Porthcawl Primary, Nottage Primary and West Park, with this year's theme, 'A Different Perspective'.

The Rotary youth services organiser, Barbara Stubbs, asked each school to select 10 scripts to go forward to the judging stage and she and fellow Rotarian Ron Jones carefully read each entry and found it a difficult task indeed, due to the high standard

of writing and imagination.

The best three entries were chosen and, co-incidentally, each competing school had a prize-winner.

First place went to Euan Sainsbury (10), from West Park Primary, second place went to Joshua Sealey (8), from Nottage Primary and third place was awarded to Isobel James (10), from Porthcawl Primary.

The children were presented with their prize winners' certificates and cash prizes by president Sandra Townsend, Mrs Stubbs and Mr Jones at their school assemblies. Another 27 children were also presented with certificates during the assemblies.

Congratulations must go to all the children who took part, as well as their teachers, whose hard work and dedication certainly showed during the competition. Well done to all.

IVOR WILLIAMS

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Eco-Spies are watching you.

'Eco-Spies' at Tynyrheol Primary School

TYNYRHEOL Primary has become the latest school in Bridgend County Borough to achieve the 'Platinum Eco-Schools award'.

Helping the school to achieve the platinum award, Tynyrheol Primary has 'Eco-Spies' who check classrooms

to ensure that all lights and computers have been switched off at the end of each day.

The school also links in with the local community allotment, running a gardening club that grows fruit and vegetables, as well as planting to encourage wildlife.

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Ynysawdre goes 'plastic free'

YNYSAWDRE Community Council has pledged to go 'plastic free' following a motion from Plaid Cymru's Cllr Tim Thomas at a recent meeting.

The motion was unanimously backed by the council's community councillors which will start with a pledge to reduce the council's usage of single use plastic items such as plastic straws, coffee cups and any other items with those that are biodegradable.

The council will consult with local businesses, organisations and schools within the community to encourage them to replace single use plastic items, reduce unnecessary packaging and look to improve the sustainability of their everyday business.

The council will also look to continue regular litter picks, promote fair trade and shop local schemes as well as promote the 'circular economy' as an opposite to throwing away waste.

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Plaid Cymru's Cllr Tim Thomas.

Borough Council (BCBC) have been informed about the motion and the council have asked for their support in further initiatives to reduce plastic waste across the county borough.

During the meeting, Cllr Tim Thomas said: "I am delighted that this council has pledged its support to this important motion. We are a forward-looking council with the sustainability of our community high on our agenda."

"We want to work with local schools, organisations and businesses and will highlight those that excel in reducing their plastic waste. We also hope that this pledge can be replicated across Bridgend county borough."

Bridgend Quiz League teasers

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. A tax on which commodity was levied by Charles II in 1660?
2. According to the song, where did Molly Malone wheel her wheelbarrow?
3. Edmonton is the capital of which Canadian Province?

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Answers:
1. Tea.
2. Dublin.
3. Alberta.

AM's cheque for boys and girls club

WYNDHAM Boys and Girls Club, a steadfast focal point for the youth of the Ogmore Valley and surrounding areas, celebrates its 80th year in 2018.

The club recently received recognition as group winners in the Bridgend County Borough Mayor's Citizenship Awards and have seen many volunteers through their doors.

The success of the group has been due to the manager, Paul, and his dedicated volunteers who have worked hard to provide a welcoming place for the young

people of the area to take part in a wide-range of activities.

Ogmore AM and Welsh Government Minister Huw Irranca-Davies visited the club to present them with a small donation. In his AM role, he occasionally completes surveys that offer a cheque donation to a charity of his choice.

Speaking after the visit, the Ogmore AM said: "It is always a pleasure to help support the Wyndham Boys and Girls Club in any little way. Paul, the leaders, volunteers and others involved in the group work hard to ensure it is a success as it goes from strength to strength in its 80th year."



AM Huw Irranca-Davies presented a cheque to members of the Wyndham Boys and Girls Club.

Pyle Garden Centre plans are approved

PLANS for a coffee shop, deli and two retail units at Pyle Garden Centre have been approved.

The development in Pyle also includes an extension to the Olive Tree Restaurant and could create up to 21 jobs.

The application went before Bridgend County Borough Council's development control committee on Thursday April 26.

A coffee shop with delicatessen will replace the existing 'Animal Emporium' and 'Aqualogic' areas while toilet facilities and two concession retail units will also be built.

Officers have recommended the plans for approval, saying the economic benefits of the scheme were considered to "outweigh any policy conflicts". The site is located within the allocated employment site of the Local Development Plan.

In a planning report for councillors, officers

state: "While not strictly operating within a B1, B2 or B8 use class (business, industrial or storage), Pyle Garden Centre generates an employment facility within the main settlement of Pyle."

"The current proposal would introduce 14 full-time and seven part-time roles, in addition to those existing, helping to promote the local economy."

"The continued use of the application site for non B1, B2 or B8 uses will not fundamentally alter the nature of the Village Farm Industrial Estate, and as such it is argued that the economic benefits of the scheme outweigh the requirements of the policy regulations and the development is therefore considered to be acceptable."

Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the plans.

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Overnight road closures

DUE to essential works being carried out by Network Rail, part of Cowbridge Road in Bridgend will be closed overnight on a number of Saturdays during May, June and July.

Scheduled to take place between 11pm on Saturday evenings to 9am on Sunday mornings, the works will mean that the road is closed either side of the railway bridge which can be found just up from the Tesco store and South Wales Police Headquarters.

The work will be carried out on the following Saturdays: May 19, May 26, June 2, June 16, June 23, June 30, July 7 and July 14.

Divisions will be in place during times that the work is scheduled.

Lots to do in Pyle and Kenfig Hill this summer!

BUILDING on the success of previous years, the Pyle and Kenfig Hill festival week is on track to be an even more impressive event this year.

This year the theme will be 'The Wild, Wild West' and we have our very own sheriff to patrol the events. Sheriff Arwen Carys Williams impressed the judges at the recent selection event. Arwen is seven years old and a resident of Kenfig Hill.

The festival week kicks off on Saturday, June 16 with an opening concert in Pysgah Chapel featuring a choir recital.

The Talbot Community Centre will hold a hoe down on Tuesday, June 19 and Bethal Church is

presenting a concert with Phil James on Friday, June 22, with details of concerts at St James's Church, St Theodore's and the Guides coming soon.

The 'family fun day' is on Saturday, June 23, commencing at 1pm. As usual, the classic car show will be there and there will be many attractions, including children's rides, adult rodeo bull, climbing wall, dance displays and a re-creation of a car accident rescue from the fire service. Entry is free.

Keep up to date with what is happening on Facebook Kenfig Hill and Pyle Festival Week and Fun Day/Classic Car Show.

Cllr Andrew Radmore
(Chair of the festival committee)

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN MP...

IF you watch PMQ's packed Commons Chamber you may begin to think that everything happens there.

There are days when I am too busy to make it into the Chamber. Wednesday, May 9 was a mixed day and should give a flavour of the range and variety of activities that fill the day.

It was a hot sunny day so at 8.15am I walked into the Commons. I left my coat behind; big mistake. Approaching Parliament I realised I had left my security pass in my coat pocket. To enter the building you need to show your

pass and your security code.

I was to chair a Bill committee so had no time to dash back for the pass. Fortunately I knew the police officer on the door and he let me in. Flustered I made it to the committee room to find it unbearably hot. Next job was to find a door keeper who had the requisite key to unlock the windows and allow air in.

This was my first Private Members Bill (PMB) and was entitled The Prisons (Interference With Wireless Telegraphy) Bill. In two clauses and an Appendix it set out legislation which would allow Prison Governors, along with mobile

WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes from Westminster for The GEM.



phone companies, to block illegal phones smuggled into prisons.

Over 10,000 illegal phones are found across the prison estate each year. We know many are used to carry on criminal activities such as drug and gun smuggling and sales, intimidation of witnesses and even arranging contract killings. The legislation addresses the problems of city centre prisons, such as Cardiff and Swansea, where ordinary families living next to the prison will not have their mobile phones blocked.

A small Bill but one making a huge difference and will be an asset to staff in Parc Prison where phones have been smuggled in and thrown over the walls for prisoners. Soon they will be useless.

Now I had time to dash back to my flat for my pass, returning in time for a statement from Boris Johnson on

President Trump's unilateral withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action JCPOA. This agreement led to Iran relinquishing their capacity to build a plutonium bomb and agreeing to a rigorous inspection regime in return for the relaxation of sanctions.

Britain, France and Germany along with Russia and China will work with Iran to maintain the JCPOA. The problem will be if the US imposes sanctions on our companies and banks that continue to work with Iran.

Next came the launch of the Parkinson's Mental Health Report. I chair the All Party Parliamentary Group for Parkinson's and our report addressed the impact the condition can have on mental health. Around 145,000 people are diagnosed with Parkinson's each year in the UK. At any given time, up to 40 per

cent will have significant symptoms of depression and anxiety. Many wait for months for help and support and then find communication difficulties between departments leave them with disconnected care.

Our report challenges doctors, psychiatrists and government to recognise the failures of the current system and implement the changes needed.

Off then to listen to an academic from King's College outlining the scramble for the Arctic as the sea ice retreats. I am writing a report for the Defence Select Committee of the threats the UK faces. It was estimated in 2008 that beneath the Arctic Ocean is \$17 trillion worth of undiscovered, untapped oil and natural gas. The environmental, scientific and defence implications of this are huge.

It is now 8pm. I sat in on the Data Protection Bill then came to my office to write this article. We are expecting votes at 8.30pm on the Education (Student Support) (Amendment) (no 2) Regulations 2018 (SI 2018 no443) (Motion to annul) then I can head home about nine. An early night.

Porthcawl and Kenfig RAF Association celebrate RAF's centenary



PORHCRAWL and Kenfig branch of the RAF Association and local RAF Air Cadet Squadrons gathered together for an evening to celebrate the arrival of an RAF token to the branch.

The token, which holds the rank of Marshal of the Royal Air Force, will be travelling from branch to branch throughout Wales, the Midlands and the southwest before returning to

RAF Headquarters. 2117 Kenfig Hill and 2347 Porthcawl RAFAC also had their affiliation to the Association reconfirmed by the presentation of a framed certificate by branch chairman, Gerry Taylor.

RAFA is committed to providing confidential, professional and fair services to members of the wider RAF family from the youngest recruit to the oldest veteran and their families.

KEVIN GOULD

Pilot's – and artistic – licence in new play

A NEW play about the world's first aeroplane will be performed at Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion Theatre.

Matthew G Rees's comedy-drama *Dragonfly* isn't about famous pioneer aviators the Wright Brothers.

Instead his play tells what he says is the little-known tale of Welsh inventor Idris Morgan – a shepherd who built the world's first flying-machine... based on the aeronautical activities of 'Welsh dragons'.

According to Mr Rees,

the story was hushed-up after a dramatic incident involving Queen Victoria. Now all will be revealed in a series of performances in Welsh theatres this spring and summer.

Dragonfly will be performed by Swansea-based Theatre Fluellen.

There will be a lunchtime performance at the Grand Pavilion Theatre, Porthcawl on Wednesday, June 27 as well as performances at The Grand, Swansea and the Town Hall Theatre, Maesteg.

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West Park's May fair raises £3,500



Images by Scenic Gallery

THE May fair at West Park Primary School, Nottage, was supported by friends and families, as well as other locals.

A school spokeswoman said: "It was a wonderful day. We managed to raise an enormous £3,500 with a raffle, auction, bouncy castle, tea room, bric-a-brac golf, football and many other stalls.

"We are in the process of improving our outdoor environment and we are unable to do this without support.

"We are extremely



fortunate to have our very own woodland area, willow village, golf course and fitness trails as well as many other forest school outdoor buildings.

"The PTA fundraising enables us to supplement

the pupils' learning by purchasing equipment and extra resources that would otherwise not be affordable. "Thank you to everyone involved with the successful event."

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Local man in running for garden makeover prize

AN 81-year-old Bridgend man is in the running to win My Builder's Magical Garden Makeover competition, after sharing the story of what his garden means to him, with more than 1,000 locals and well-wishers voting for him, remembering his contribution to the dog show world.

The competition is find the worthiest winner of a Magical Garden Makeover, with the prize of a total garden transformation up for grabs.

More than 1,500 homeowners from all over the UK have shared their stories of garden woes, and saying what winning the prize would mean to them.

One story that has caught people's attention comes from Bridgend man Terry Donovan, well known locally for his involvement with dog shows, where he displayed his beloved boxer dogs.

Mr Donovan said: "When we moved to south Wales in 1976, I



Terry Donovan is crossing his fingers, hoping to win the garden makeover.

was an avid gardener. We also showed boxer dogs, and I worked away a great deal of the time, so over the years I paved the back garden for their benefit.

Late, we obtained more ground at the rear of the garden, hoping to have more room for the dogs – it never emerged, and is now just a jungle. We still have an old girl, 11-and-a-half years old, who like me has trouble getting around now!

"As I have grown older, I have not been able to work the ground as I used to, due to a poor heart and dodgy legs. The paving is now very

uneven and the conifer trees at one side which belong to my neighbour and hang over my wall keep the light out.

"I will now keep my fingers crossed as well as my legs (with difficulty), hoping to be lucky!"

Locals and well-wishers have overwhelmingly backed Terry, casting more than 1,000 votes and showing their support. Many of them commented, including Carla Richards, who said: "I grew up knowing Terry at dog shows he has a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone."

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Navigators of Faith visit Porthcawl on Celtic mission

On Saturday, May 12, the yacht *Rival Star* called in to Porthcawl on day two of a voyage around Great Britain by the 'Navigators of Faith'.

Howard Worsley and Andy Carnegie are doing the trip to discover the Celtic past and to learn how we could use it to enhance modern life.

They met people from Porthcawl and heard their stories and experiences.

Howard is vice-principal of a theological college in Bristol and Andy is a businessman with a love of sailing. The boat is crewed by Howard, Andy and five others.

A large crowd greeted them as they arrived at Porthcawl Marina, and they sailed in to the sound of 'Amazing Grace' - sung by supporters on the quayside.

Howard and Andy stepped ashore to a welcome by Porthcawl Sea Cadets and the newly-elected mayor of Porthcawl, Cllr Norah Clarke and her consort and fellow councillor, Mike Clarke.

They visited St Cein's church at Llangeinor where the Rev Roger Pitman and the local historian Gerald Jarvis gave them a tour of the



Rival Star, with the Navigators of Faith, arrives in Porthcawl.



The St Bridget's Cross.

church and an account of the life of St Cein.

In the evening they were guests at the YMCA where they related stories, sang songs and engaged in a lively exchange with local people of all faiths and no faith.

The mayor presented the crew with Porthcawl mugs as a memento of their visit.

Andy and Howard presented her with a Bible signed by all the crew together with a small St Bridget cross.

They invited her to arrange for the cross to be taken to York Minster for Good Friday 2019.

The challenge is to link with other churches on the 266-mile route so it can be carried on foot in relays.

Rival Star sailed on the morning tide on the next leg of the journey.

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Visiting St Cein's Church, Llangeinor.



The Mayor and Consort greet the Navigators. All photos by Andrew Singer.

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Bridgend's newly refurbished railway station has its unveiling

A MAJOR £1.5 million improvement project has completed at Bridgend train station.

With funding from the National Station Improvement Programme (NSIP), Bridgend station has undergone a variety of improvements and modernisation over the last six months so commuters and visitors can enjoy better facilities.

The station is also set to receive from free wi-fi as part of a substantial investment in Welsh stations by the Welsh Government and will be installed in the coming months.

The project began in autumn 2017 which saw a temporary ticket office and passenger toilets put in place outside the station.

The new facilities and station improvements include:

- an improved concourse area with new information desk, ticket office and new seating;

- refurbished passenger lavatories including a new baby changing facility;

- improvements to the station entrance and frontage, including a new waiting shelter and customer pathways;

- improved security with new CCTV;

- and new signage and passenger information displays.

Bridgend AM, Carwyn Jones, opened the new facilities, and said: "I am pleased to unveil these improved facilities, which will encourage more people to use the station, as well as improving the experience for existing



***Ticket to ride!**
Carwyn Jones AM opened the improved facilities.*

passengers.

"Good quality public transport is really important. Having a comfortable seat, waiting shelters and access to free wi-fi makes a real difference to people's journeys, whether they're going about their daily commute or heading out for the day with family."

Bethan Jelfs, Head of Stations for Arriva Trains Wales, said: "We are delighted to have completed this improvement project for Bridgend station on time, as part of our wider investment plans to improve the facilities across Wales' railway network."

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A tribute to Keith Morgan

I AM so very sorry to hear of the death of Keith Morgan, as reported in last week's GEM.

He and I met many times, not only in connection with town council affairs when I was Mayor, but also in connection with the Porthcawl Royal British Legion branch and the Porthcawl Lions Club.

Keith was the number one photographer that we called on and he always turned up. He was his own man and despite pleas of 'get on with it', Keith always took the shot on his own terms.

I recall the visit to Porthcawl of the International Leader of the Lions whom we introduced to Porthcawl. We had a social event at the RNLI station and then the plan was to take the USA leader to the Prince of Wales public house at Kenfig for

lunch and to meet other local Lions.

Keith was in his element, taking shot after shot until in the end, I said: "Enough - we are going to be late at the Prince."

We all jumped into the waiting cars and set off for the Prince, but Keith was in the lead car and as we passed the Kenfig nature reserve, he stopped in the middle of the road. I asked him what he was doing and he said he was going to show our American guest the area where American Forces were camped during the war and photograph the scene with our USA international leader in the shot.

Who could argue with that? Well not me - and of course, we were late for the lunch.

David Richards, Former Mayor of Porthcawl and member of the Porthcawl Lions Club and Porthcawl branch of the Royal British Legion.

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Miss Bridgend is crowned

24 - Y E A R - o l d Emma Williams has been crowned Miss Bridgend 2018.

Miss Williams is a dance teacher from Bridgend.

Her presentation took place at the Miss Wales 2018 final at The Riverfront in Newport last week where 20-year-old Bethany Harris of Newport won the overall title of Miss Wales 2018.

Miss Williams also won the prize for having the best hair at the event.

The Miss Wales grand final involved three appearances on the stage for finalists including the 'Welshwear' opener, a red dress catwalk round and then the traditional evening wear parade.

Finalists also had one-to-one interviews with the panel of six judges.

As well as the grand final show, the contestants attended the Miss Wales charity ball the night before and took part in the Miss Wales Empowerment Day to help them in their personal development and leadership skills.

The competition raised more than £19,000 for the Miss World charity, Beauty With A Purpose, which helps disadvantaged children worldwide.

Miss Williams said: "It is an honour to



Emma Williams is awarded the title of Miss Bridgend 2018 by Hannah Williams, Miss Wales 2017, also from Bridgend.

represent the region. I intend to use the title to do my friends, family and the community proud and am interested in getting involved in local events and activities."

Paula Abbandonato, who organises the Miss

Wales event, said: "The whole weekend was an incredible experience and a real celebration of the achievements of all the finalists who have worked so hard in the run up to the big night."

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Coed Parc planning dispute heads for Cardiff High Court

RESIDENTS in a quiet cul-de-sac in Bridgend who have jointly spent thousands of pounds battling a decision to open up their street as access to a new development are waiting to hear if a High Court judge will overturn it.

The group of residents in Walters Road are seeking the judicial review in relation to a development of 15 homes on the old Coed Parc Library site off Park Street. It was given

approval in December 2017.

While residents in Walters Road support the development, they object to the way 10 of the homes will be accessed by extending their cul-de-sac onto the site.

They say the original entrance off Park Street – the A473 – which is being used for five homes should be used for all 15, highlighting road safety issues at the St Leonard's Road/Park Street junction which would be used by vehicles accessing their cul-de-sac.

The site, which

includes a Grade II listed building, was sold by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to Wales and West Housing Association in 2012.

In 2016 Wales & West's commercial subsidiary, Castell Homes, applied to develop the site with one application for all 15 homes and a separate one seeking consent to convert the listed building into two homes.

The plans prompted 26 residents to sign a petition with some writing objection letters over the access issue as well as two local county councillors, and the town council.

However instead of the application going before the council's planning committee, officers considered it under delegated authority refusing the full application but approving the listed building consent in August 2017.

Residents believe the consent was illegal because under BCBC's scheme of delegation, the local authority should deal with applications at its planning committee when more than two neighbours submit "a material planning objection in writing which has not been resolved by negotiation or through the imposition of conditions".

Residents argue the refusal for the full application was based on a "weak argument" involving road safety issues driving into Walters Road from St Leonard's Road – they point out that there hasn't been any accidents over the last two decades at the junction.

They say that this, together with the listed building consent, paved the way for a planning inspector to easily overturn the council's decision and permit the

entire development as soon as Castell Homes appealed.

Resident Alistair Nelson, who has led the street's battle against the access plans, said: "We put up a strong case against the access proposals based on road safety, particularly at the St Leonard's Road/Park Street junction, where several accidents have occurred in recent years."

"But Castell Homes claimed they could not use the original entrance off Park Street for the whole site because it is not wide enough, when in fact it is wider than St Leonard's Road and for 42 years it carried double the two-way traffic expected from the residential development, as well as service vehicles, serving the library and council offices on the site."

"In spite of our strong arguments, the inspector allowed the appeal and did so only by using written representations, even though we had asked for an inquiry."

Despairing at the situation, residents in Walters Road asked that the Welsh Ministers, via cabinet secretary for planning Lesley Griffiths, revoke the listed building consent, saying it was "illegally" approved by delegated authority rather than going before councillors on the planning committee.

Mr Nelson said: "We had the support of all three regional Assembly Members – Dai Lloyd, Bethan Jenkins and Suzy Davies – and Bridgend AM Carwyn Jones has also expressed concern but the Welsh Ministers have refused to do this on spurious grounds."

"Their argument is that the access proposals were not relevant to the listed building application, but that is not correct."

"The relevant Planning (Listed

Buildings) (Wales) Regulations 2012 state that if there is any work proposed exterior to a listed building, then access proposals have to be included in the application, which they were."

"There is massive work proposed exterior to the Coed Parc listed building, 14 extra dwellings, including one in a new extension on the west side of the building, which is to be accessed via Walters Road, while the main part of the building is to be accessed off Park Street."

Mr Nelson has now lodged an application at the Cardiff High Court for a judicial review of the decision not to revoke the listed building consent by the Welsh Ministers.

He said: "If we lose this, it means local planning authorities throughout Wales are at liberty to break the law by bending the rules."

BCBC denies it has broken any rules, saying the planning inspector's decision on site access was "unrelated to the listed building consent granted by the council, which related only to the works on the buildings".

A council spokesman said: "The Coed Parc application was processed and dealt with in full compliance with all relevant planning rules and regulations."

"We have met with the residents to clarify the planning process and to offer further advice."

A Welsh Government spokesman said: "We are currently awaiting the court's decision on the application for leave to seek a judicial review and are therefore unable to comment."

Mr Nelson is expecting to hear the outcome of his High Court application within the next few weeks.

LDR

AM welcomes mobile banking in Maesteg and Porthcawl



AM Suzy Davies visited the new mobile banking service.

THE mobile banking service promised by NatWest started in Porthcawl and Maesteg this week.

The van will be parked in the Hillsboro Place car park every Monday morning from 9.55am to 11.25am. It will then drive to Maesteg where it will park in the Llynfi Road car park from 12.15pm to 1pm.

Welsh Conservative Regional AM Suzy Davies was at Porthcawl for the mobile branch's first day and said she was pleased that NatWest had agreed to add Porthcawl to the list of places which would get a mobile service.

Suzy said: "Initially, it had been decided not to provide a mobile service in the town. I thought this was ridiculous, especially with a relatively high population of retired people, many with traditional banking habits. I lobbied NatWest to ensure that customers could still get a service from their own bank and I am pleased that my arguments were successful."

"It was always intended to have the

mobile service in Maesteg and this has also started, although the branch there is not closing until June."

Suzy was welcomed by Kirstin Jenkins, local director for West Wales for branch banking. She said that the bank had also appointed 'community bankers' to hold a weekly surgery in each town so that vulnerable customers or anyone preferring face to face advice, could get non-cash and other services not available at the mobile branch.

"And it has to be said that other banks like HSBC have just closed their branches and gone, leaving nothing in their place. We must commend NatWest for at least attempting to put some services into place."

"I understand that if there is enough demand, the opening hours of the mobile branch can be extended. The usage will be reviewed after three months so I urge everyone who wants to retain this mobile service to make use of it."

JI

Male Voice Choir's new musical team are a hit!

"THE best concert we have been to at the Town Hall" was one of the comments made by some of the audience at Maesteg Male Voice Choir's annual concert.

The new musical director Huw Morgan put together an excellent programme of Welsh pieces, together with songs from the shows that had the audience in raptures.

The new accompanist Laura Deenick played beautifully as she and Huw showed that they can really put a show together.

The soloist for the evening was the radio and television presenter Shan Cothi who wowed the audience with her singing. She did four spots during the evening and then joined in with the choir for the final two pieces: 'Finlandia' and 'American Trilogy' which brought the house down.

During the second half she provided a comical piece using Huw Morgan and choir member Graham Williams as her 'stooges' which was extremely well received by the audience and choir

alike.

Not to be outdone, Huw then provided another comical piece, using Peter Jones doing a solo to 'Nothing Like a Dame'. This was a concert of fun and laughter together with wonderful singing, an example being a first performance on stage of 'One Day More' which received a standing ovation from the audience.

While all the singing and fun was going on the whole concert was brilliantly compered by Garry Owen, again a radio and television presenter for the BBC who was extremely knowledgeable about the choir and very funny in the way he introduced everyone, this being his second visit to Maesteg but hopefully not the last.

The committee would like to thank the public of Maesteg who came out in numbers to support the concert; they are extremely grateful and would like to remind any man who would like to join the choir for fun and friendship that we meet every Thursday at the Celtic Club, Maesteg at 7pm.

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Airport breaches 1.5m passenger milestone

CARDIFF Airport has reached another milestone as 1.5 million customers have now flown from the site.

This news follows 12 months of continued passenger growth and also represents more than 50 per cent passenger growth since the airport's change of ownership in 2013.

May has already seen

some significant developments at Cardiff Airport, including the official launch of Qatar Airways' service to Doha, Qatar on May 1.

May 16 is a significant milestone for one of the longest serving airlines, KLM, which will celebrate 30 years of flying customers between Wales and Amsterdam Schiphol Airport.

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Lions 'pleased' with numbers attending Sunday boot sale

THE Porthcawl Lions are pleased to announce the support they are receiving from the Sunday morning car booters at Porthcawl Rugby ground.

Once again last Sunday saw well over 30 cars on site and of course the weather was again sunny and warm.

The car boot starts at 8am and goes through to 1pm. The charge is £6, and weather permitting it is on every Sunday

throughout the summer.

Following the success of the Lions May Fair, the members of Porthcawl Lions are now involved with planning for this year's Vintage Fair, which will held as usual at Porthcawl rugby ground.

This year the fair is on Saturday, August 4 with a display of vintage motor cars together with games for all the family plus lots of stalls organised by many charities and organisations in the area.

The next book sale is on Saturday, May 26 in

John Street, starting at 10am and continuing until 4pm.

Porthcawl Lions meet at the Hi Tide on the first and third Tuesdays of the month starting at 8pm. The club are always looking for new members who can be assured of a warm welcome.

On the social side members of Porthcawl Lions recently attended the Bridgend Lions Club Charter night and came away with the majority of the raffle prizes. A really good result for those members who purchased tickets.

For more information re Porthcawl Lions see our web page porthcawllions.org.

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Bridgend MP backs call to improve Parkinson's care

THE MP for Bridgend has pledged to help overhaul local care for Parkinson's after a report suggests a lack of mental health support for the condition – despite anxiety and depression being among, so it is claimed, its most common symptoms.

Attending the launch of the report, Mental Health Matters Too, at Westminster recently, Madeleine Moon MP expressed her concern that nearly half of all people with Parkinson's experience mental health symptoms, such as anxiety and depression, yet only a quarter of those affected receive any treatment for it.

Mrs Moon said: "This is an extremely important report, which highlights truly shocking findings that need to be addressed. I have made a commitment today to contact our local [Wales



Madeleine Moon MP with Gary Berry at the report launch.

NHS) health authorities the inquiry, Mental Health Matters Too can be accessed via the Parkinson's UK website or www.parkinsons.org.uk/mentalhealthmatters. For advice, information and support call the charity's free, confidential helpline on 0800 800 0303.

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Bags of fun collecting bags of beach rubbish



IN light of recent reports highlighting the damage that litter is causing to our environment, the Cathedral School's 'Primary Eco' and 'PHME' teams joined forces to make a difference through a beach litter pick.

The group of pupils from years 1 to 6 headed to the beach at Cold Knap last week

Equipped with gloves, bin bags and litter pickers, the group collected a wide variety of litter and waste.

Every item collected was recorded and the data gathered was used to present to their peers back at school. The items found ranged from plastic bottles and fishing line, to empty wrappers and drink cans.

Mr Thomas, a year-3 teacher, said: "The beach litter pick really

helped to bring this issue to life for the children. It also educated them on the problems we are facing as a community and as a nation regarding litter and waste. It has been fantastic to see this group of children take the initiative and lead on this matter in the primary section."

With the litter pick completed, the pupils were treated to an ice cream before returning to school.

LB

Council fails to cope with mental health assessment backlog

THOUSANDS of people are waiting for urgent mental health assessments in the Vale as the council struggles with a backlog of referrals.

Figures have revealed that the Vale Council social services had more than 2,000 referrals waiting for deprivation of liberty safeguards at one point this year.

Deprivation of liberty (DoL) safeguards under the Mental Capacity Act are designed to protect people who cannot make decisions about their own care and residence – and if accepted they are given continuous supervision and an appointed person is given legal powers to represent them.

On January 12 this year Vale Council had a backlog of 2,005 DoL requests which had yet to be assessed, a report published this week has said.

An internal audit said a Supreme Court Ruling in 2014 has caused "a significant increase in referrals which the team were unable to manage".

The landmark ruling made factors such as the purpose of a DoL, the person's compliance with it, or whether it allowed a person to live a

comparatively normal life irrelevant when social services decided upon applications.

Lance Carver, the Vale Council's director of social services, said the 2014 ruling "created a huge rise in the number of DoL authorisation requests made across the United Kingdom".

"As a result the Vale Council is by no means alone in dealing with a backlog," he said.

"The council has worked closely with regional partners to deliver an efficient DoL team which covers the entire Vale and Cardiff region including providing authorisations for people in hospitals.

"Welsh Government has contributed a small sum towards the development of this service. Every year since the ruling, the Vale Council has found additional funding to support growth in this service.

"We continue to review the potential to release more resources to it with the aim of reducing the backlog."

LDR

Cairns rails against Labour's lecturing

ALUN Cairns says the Conservatives will take no lectures from Labour on investing in electrified railways.

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP was questioned on the issue in the Commons by fellow Conservative MP Michael Fabricant.

Mr Fabricant asked him: "On the subject of electrification of the line to Swansea, is my Right Hon. Friend aware that the South Wales Chamber of Commerce is a damned sight more concerned about there being an old Labour

Government in the country destroying industry than about shaving two minutes off a journey time?"

Mr Cairns said Mr Fabricant had made an important point.

He said: "The political grandstanding by some Opposition Members does nothing other than undermine potential investment in Swansea.

"Nor will we take any lectures from a party that left Wales in the same league as Moldova and Albania in not having a single track of electrified railway line."

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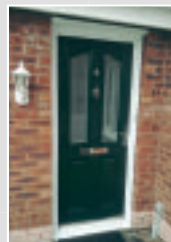
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'Vale for Africa' concert was resounding success

ON April 19, a musical evening was held at Holy Trinity Church, Barry, and £786 was raised for 'Vale for Africa'.

Barry Male Voice Choir featured, delivering an eclectic repertoire which had something for everyone, two young ladies sang some enchanting lullabies and a young soloist captivated the audience as well.

We had hope to raise £400, but in fact were delighted to raise £786.

The self-funding charity, founded by Jane Hutt, undertakes work in the Tororo area of Uganda. Its contribution to the country cannot be over-stated. Optometrists can stop people going blind for just £25.

Mr Gareth Kiddie, chair of Vale for Africa, gave a talk about the charity's work with a slide show. It highlighted the work including the treatment of people's eye problems.

Mr Kiddie also showed a slide which showed how mains water

had been pumped into local schools thanks to the charity. Until recently women would have had to carry water containers two miles to the schools.

The spin-offs from the concert are inspiring. Sara Creasy of Pukka Productions has volunteered to host a musical evening, the likely venue is Barry Island Social Club.

Another friend who attended the concert has offered to stage a concert each year at the Celtic Way Community Centre in Rhosne.

Two concerts will be held each year now – one at Holy Trinity Church and the other in Rhosne.

The people we are trying to help endure relentless poverty that most of us can't even begin to understand. The ultimate aim is to inoculate babies and children in Tororo against fatal diseases.

I believe this could be funded by a small one-off annual contribution via the council tax. If you pay £1,200 is £20 extra going to make much difference? It might act as a catalyst to change the world.

If people are thinking of returning to church, they will receive a warm welcome at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Street, Barry.

GODFREY KNIGHT

'Hinkley radioactive mud carries same risk as eating 20 bananas a year' – EDF

THE Welsh Government petitions committee has released a report into the proposed dumping of sediment from the Hinkley Point C, designed to guide the National Assembly when it debates the issue on May 23.

This follows 7,000 people signing a petition calling for the suspension of a marine licence allowing the depositing of sediment dredged from outside the Hinkley Point nuclear reactor in the Severn Estuary near Cardiff.

Protesters have branded it as 'radioactive mud'. The report includes the claim that the mud has the same level of radioactivity as 20 bananas (consumed by one person over 12 months).

An alternative measure offered in the report is that someone living in Pembrokeshire is exposed to 50 times more radiation (due to naturally occurring Radon) than the mud

produces.

Both measures are offered by EDF Energy David Rowlands AM, chair of the Petitions Committee said:

"It is clear that there are strong feelings regarding nuclear power and the potential effects of radioactive deposits which are generated as a by-product.

"The petitioner has put forward an impassioned argument and garnered significant support for bringing the issue to light.

"For their part, EDF, NRW and Cefas have been open, responsive and detailed in presenting their own evidence.

"Depositing of the sediment is due to happen this summer so the timescale for considering the petition was always very tight.

"Due to the timescales that the Petitions Committee has had to work to, we have not drawn conclusions or made any recommendations in our report. This will enable the issue, and the evidence we have received, to be debated fully by the National Assembly in the near future."

The petition concerns the disposal of sediment being dredged as part of the construction of a cooling water system for Hinkley Point C nuclear power station in Somerset.

EDF Energy is building two new nuclear reactors at the Hinkley Point C site, capable of generating a total of up to 3,260MW of electricity. The site is located beside the currently operational Hinkley Point B, and Hinkley Point A, that is

being decommissioned.

The petition called for the licence to be suspended to allow for a full Environmental Impact Assessment, complete radiological analysis and core sampling to be carried out.

It stated: "The sediments to be dredged are adjacent to the waste pipes used for the discharges from Hinkley's four existing reactors. Analysis, commissioned by UK Government agencies, shows that the sediment is contaminated by radioactive waste discharged to sea over 50+ years of operations at the Hinkley site.

"Calculations derived from the official data indicate that the proposed dredge sediments may hold at least 7 billion Bq of aggregated radioactivity yet reports state that doses to humans would be very low."

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Bees just love oilseed rape, but beekeepers don't (Fonmon Apiary news)

AT last, winds from the south introduced temperatures that gave the pollinators and blossoms a much-needed boost.

This change in the weather also allowed this year's intake of beginners to acquire hands-on experience at the Cardiff Society training apiary at Dyffryn

Gardens.

Winter losses are quite prevalent this year and there are those who are relieved to find out that they are not alone with regards to these losses.

As usual here at Fonmon the oilseed rape is in abundance! And the bees love it. Many other pollen and nectar sources are in evidence but it is the rape that the bees home in on.

Given fair weather the

beekeeper can look forward to the super boxes filling up rapidly, the ladies of the hive (they do all the foraging) never reach a situation where they decide that enough has been gathered in.

If it is out there and conditions are right, they will work day after day and hour after daylight hour until the rape stops flowering and no more nectar or pollen is on

offer.

Now the downside for the beekeeper. Oilseed Rape honey begins to form crystals very rapidly once the bees have converted nectar into honey, and judging the optimum time to remove it only comes with hard won experience.

Get it wrong and it will have crystallised in the comb and attempting to extract it in this form is an experience to be avoided.

You must not let the bees cap it over with a wax seal as is the norm with other forms of honey. By the way – it is the bees who decide just what is to be collected, not the beekeeper.

Due to the appalling start to our year everything is well delayed. I will be attempting to replace some of my died-out colonies once the numbers in the surviving hives increase.

Splitting a hive is a form of swarm control and also a way to regain some of your losses. Will the apiary have to cease when and if the proposed sale of the Fonmon Estate goes through?

Or will the new owners be happy for it to stay?

HAROLD WILLIAMS

New licensing committee chairman was prosecuted by health inspectors

THE Vale Council has elected a businessman whose company was fined for rodent infestation as its new licensing committee chairman.

Cllr Vincent Driscoll was director of The Fresh Bacon Company when it was fined £18,000 in 2005 after health inspectors found a mouse and maggots on the floor of the company's premises in Barry.

He was also suspended for one month by Dinas Powys Community Council in 2015 after allegations he was running dog boarding kennels without a licence from Vale council and for misconduct over a planning matter.

Cllr Driscoll was elected as chairman of the authority's licensing and public protection committee, for which he is paid £9,000-a-year on top of his £13,600 allowance as a councillor, following an annual meeting of the council on May 9.

Cllr Driscoll, who has been a Vale councillor since May 2017, said he will look to repay the faith shown in him by the council and asked to be judged on his work and integrity going forwards.

Plaid Cymru said its group did not support his nomination.

In October 2005, The Fresh Bacon Company

was fined £18,000 and ordered to pay £1,235.67 in costs to the Vale Council, which brought the prosecution, after admitting six charges of breaching health and hygiene regulations.

Inspectors also found scraps of fresh meat lying on the floor, and dirty equipment including maggots on a meat slicer.

Speaking at the time, Cllr Driscoll said his company had "cleaned up our act and learnt big lessons," bringing in new staff and spending £10,000 on improvements.

He claimed former staff at the factory had ignored his instructions on cleaning before he had gone on holiday.

Cllr Driscoll listed The Fresh Bacon Company on the register of councillor's interests for 2017-18.

In 2015, he was suspended as a member of Dinas Powys Community Council over allegations that he operated dog boarding kennels at his home in Sunnycroft Lane without a licence from the Vale Council.

He told a Vale Council Standards Committee in December of that year the kennels were not used commercially – despite advertising them – and applied for planning permission retrospectively.

Cllr Driscoll had also been accused of failing to declare an interest on at

least seven occasions on the community council's planning sub-committee over plans to improve a horse-riding path which would have encompassed his home. It was also alleged Cllr Driscoll 'lobbied' members of the committee about the development.

He denied these claims and said he originally thought the bridge path improvements were being made away from his home.

Cllr Ian Johnson, leader of Plaid Cymru on the council and a member of the Licensing Committee, said: "As chair of the Licensing Committee, Cllr Driscoll will also be a member of the Shared Regulatory Services Committee that is responsible for public protection, including prosecution for food safety offences of which his company has been found guilty."

"You would have thought that the Conservatives in the Vale would have thought about how this might appear from the outside –

especially as Cllr Driscoll has no experience of the Vale's Licensing Committee as a councillor. It's not a good look."

"Plaid Cymru councillors did not support his nomination as chair."

Cllr Driscoll has also served as vice-chairman of the Vale's planning committee and was also a member of the environment and regeneration scrutiny committee in the previous year.

He said: "The people of Dinas Powys supported me in the election last May. I have worked tirelessly on their behalf in the last 12 months and I will continue to do so."

"I was elected as chair of the licensing and public protection committee by my colleagues in the Conservative group and I will look to repay that faith. What's happened has happened."

"People have to judge me on my work and integrity going forward."

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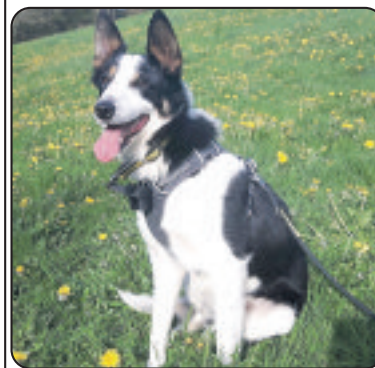


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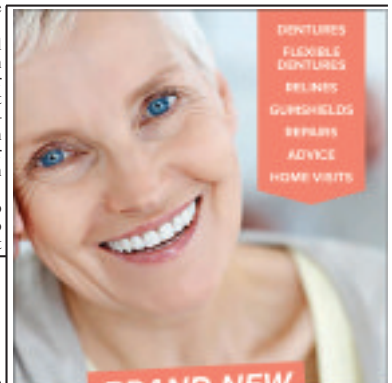
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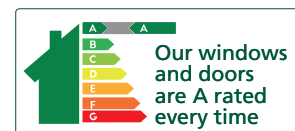
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McCarthy's best efforts can't save the *Life of the Party*

AFTER her breakthrough in 2011's *Bridesmaids*, it's fair to say that Melissa McCarthy hasn't really broken out of the stereotype of being either overly shouty or overly perky.

Her latest film, *Life of The Party*, sees McCarthy on 'perky' setting, playing Deanna, a housewife who, when her husband leaves her, decides to go back to college.

The college she chooses, however, is the same one her daughter

Maddie (Molly Gordon) attends, and she is less-than-thrilled when her mother throws herself wholly into the college experience, as Deanna starts to learn much about herself on the way...

It's taken me a while to warm to Melissa McCarthy; so good in *Bridesmaids*, it felt like every part after that (with very few exceptions) saw her mine the same ground to less and less amusing effect.

It was *Spy* that turned me round, a film that certainly didn't veer too far away from her seemingly preferred gear but one in which she was very good.

She's good in *Life of The Party*; but even she can't save a laboured and only periodically funny 'comedy' from falling flat on its face and eliciting boredom rather than laughs. What's most perturbing is this film, much like *Tammy* and *The Boss*, is written by McCarthy and her husband, Ben Falcone, who also directed those films and directs here.

What those latter two films have in common is that they are just not funny; they are tired, dull, yawnsome exercises in trying to generate laughs when the material is just plain rubbish.

Life of The Party fares a little better (and is certainly a faint cut above those two atrocities of modern cinema), but it's a real shame that McCarthy does a decent job in front of the camera, as



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it's undone by the leaden material she has (in part) given herself.

There are moments of strong humour (no doubt improvised) but there are also plenty of gags that just don't land.

The plot is a tired rehash of several films, replete with the de rigueur dance-off, make-over sequence and the triumph over the roadblock placed in front of the main character that kick starts the final act and often sees a celebrity cameo save the day.

McCarthy is far from terrible; instead she makes Deanna a well-rounded character rather than just a punchline, and her development, while plotted poorly, is nicely played.

Also worthy of note are Gillian Jacobs, who you may know from Netflix's tremendous *Love* (and if you don't, you need to get to know as soon as possible) as Deanna's classmate and the always-great Maya

Rudolph who, as Deanna's best friend, gets the best material to work with (which doesn't really say much).

What lets down *Life of The Party* the most is the pairing of McCarthy and Falcone on scriptwriting duty, not to mention Falcone's rather flat direction. Her work with Paul Feig is comfortably her best, and this is another example of her needing a more focused foil to work with, as Falcone just isn't that person.

Script-wise, less could have been a whole lot more; subtlety is not something this film pays much mind to, and with a little more care (and a whole lot more humour) this could have been something reasonably entertaining. As it is, it's just another one of those 'unfunny Melissa McCarthy films', a category that is starting to become rather full.

VERDICT: Melissa McCarthy's third effort with husband Ben Falcone manages to supersede the lamentable efforts of *Tammy* and *The Boss* – but only just. If *Life of The Party* were a character you met at a party you'd be bored within two minutes – unfunny, dull and tiresome in the extreme. The efforts of certain cast members are appreciated, but this is still an exceedingly mediocre film. *Poor*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Tammy* (2014), *The House Bunny* (2008).

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Dyfan PACT is at Highlight Park Community Centre at 7pm on Sunday, May 20.

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Ward Councillors' surgery

THE Labour councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court Wards, Susan Lloyd-Selby, Owen Griffiths, Anne Moore, Neil Moore, Pamela Drake, Bronwen Brooks and Sandra Perkes will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, May 19 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, King Square from 10am – 11am.

No appointment is necessary.
Councillors' surgery
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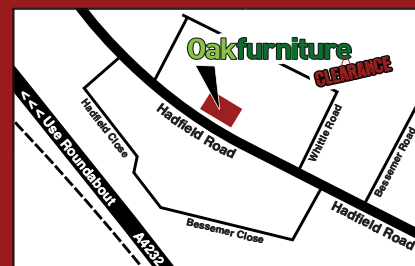
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As regular visitors to Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival will know, this is an event which offers an enjoyable day out for the whole family. What

visitors might not realise, though, is that unlike other food festivals, it also aims to have a positive sustainable impact on Cowbridge, as well as benefit local and regional producers and suppliers.

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Last year saw more local producers involved

than ever before and 88 out of the show's 100 stalls were taken by Welsh producers, many of them from South Wales.

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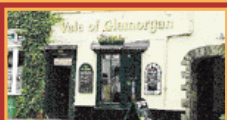
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Bridgend Athletic RFC pay tribute to Gareth Williams

ON Saturday evening, former Bridgend, Wales and Lions player Gareth Williams passed away following a long debilitating illness.

Wales Online recently featured an article highlighting Gareth's great courage in the battle he fought and his wife Claire's devotion to him during this time.

There is a great family connection between Gareth and BARFC. Both on the Williams side and the Apsees, through his marrying Claire. Her brother John is head coach, and another brother, Simon, is a former player and sponsor.

Gareth was a teacher in Maesteg and already a rugby star when he helped coach the Athletic youth on a Thursday evening at Bryntirion Comprehensive school. John and Simon were Athletic youth players in the formative youth seasons of the Athletic.

Gareth frequently gave his time freely to the Athletic to present awards and attend fundraising dinners. He gave the



Gareth Williams presents nephew Sean with club captain and player of the year award, season 2014/15.

club one of his treasured Lions jerseys, which hangs today in the clubhouse.

When ill in 2015 he made the special effort to come along to the Athletic awards night to present the Player of the Year and Club Captain's award to his nephew and

Athletic stalwart (and still a 1st XV regular) Sean Williams.

Gareth's son Mark played for the Athletic, as did his younger brothers Robert and Owain's sons.

Sean, the jockey Kristian and Joe, sons of Robert, and Henri son of Owain. On the Apsee side by marriage Claire's father John was a founder of JH Apsee & Sons – the Athletics' longest sponsor. Her brother Simon is now the MD of the business.

Simon also played for Bridgend as did John after playing for Maesteg and Wales B. Simon's son Rhodri, now with Bridgend and John's son Dan, now with Glamorgan Wanderers have also played many times for the Athletic including both this season on permit. They are both current Maltese Internationals.

Bridgend Athletic RFC offer sincere condolences to Gareth's family and thank Gareth for all he did for the Athletic, and for the continuing support of members of his family.

ADRIAN BURT

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Tributes are paid to a rugby legend

FOR some years now, the Welsh rugby community has been aware that Gareth Williams, of Bridgend, Wales and the British Lions, had been quietly and bravely coping with a debilitating, incurable illness.

The news came this week that he died, a victim of the rare condition, Multiple System Atrophy (MSA), and there have been many tributes to him.

Elsewhere on this page, Bridgend Athletic RFC record their fond memories a family man with a love of rugby.

He was a forward who would have thrived in any era – strong, mobile and with good hands, and for most people he will always be pictured in the blue and white hoops of Bridgend RFC.

He grew up watching Bridgend's all-action 15-man rugby and he fitted in perfectly.

In fact, he first came to prominence for Bridgend Boys Grammar, as part of a team that were invincible in schools



The statue of Gareth Williams in Bridgend.

rugby. It was a side where an extraordinary number of players went on to play first class rugby, but he stood out even then.

Tributes have recalled his part in one of the most famous British Lions' tries, on tour in South Africa – two minutes in the making with the ball passing

through numerous hands. Gareth was involved more than once before Mike Slemen scored.

His Welsh international career saw him matched against the best of New Zealand, including Graham Mourie and Murray Mexted.

However, how many GEM readers know that Gareth has a statue to him in Bridgend?

It isn't obvious, as he is not in rugby kit, but he was the model for a sculpture, to be found near Asda.

It was public art, and the commission asked local poet Rhian Edwards to write the words, and David Annand to create the statues.

Rhian told The GEM: "I chose Gareth in his other life as a farmer. There are two sculptures.

"The other is of Gareth's father, Malgwyn Williams who ran Ogmore Farm. They represented the rural and the urban past and present of Bridgend."

For funeral details, please see page 30.

PHILIP IRWIN

'Locked in' car parkers will have to pay to be let out

ANYONE returning late to a council-run car park in Bridgend to find their car has been locked inside could soon be faced with a bill for the call-out charge.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) is looking at recovering its costs from people who don't get back to their vehicles in time before the car park closes.

At the moment, if someone finds themselves locked into either the Rhiw or Brackla 1 multi-storey car parks, they phone the council's 'on-call' number which gets passed onto a private security company who then attend.

The security company charges the council for the call-out but no charge is made to the person who wants their car back.

On average, there are eight call-outs every month for the Rhiw and one a month for Brackla 1.

Bridgend council says each call-out costs £40 plus VAT meaning it costs the council around £4,320 every year.

The council locks the car parks at night due to issues of anti-social behaviour.

While Rest Bay Car

Park in Porthcawl, Pencoeed Park and Ride Car Park and Bowls Car Park are all locked at night as well, they are fitted with systems which allow vehicles to leave the car park. The three car parks allow pedestrian access 24 hours a day.

However the two multi-storey car parks are completely locked.

In a report which came before cabinet members on Tuesday, May 16, corporate director for communities Mark Shephard says the council could either continue to absorb the costs for call-outs, charge the individual for them or refuse to attend call-outs altogether and advise the person they need to return the following day during operational hours to recover their vehicle.

He said the preferred option was to continue to attend call-outs but seek to recover costs from the individual concerned.

Cabinet members agreed with the officer's recommendation that the authority investigate and implement, if appropriate, the recovery of out of hours release costs for council-owned car parks.

The change will need to be approved at the next council meeting.

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Serious purpose to lifeboat's entry into Porthcawl Marina

THE Mumbles RNLI lifeboat Roy Barker IV visited Porthcawl over the weekend.

The charity's all-weather lifeboat was joined by Porthcawl's Atlantic 85 during the exercise which took place between Nash Point and Port Talbot.

Second coxswain at The Mumbles station, James Bolter said: "It is essential that we know the sea and coastline off Porthcawl as on occasions we have to cover this area when incidents require an all-weather lifeboat."

"We work closely with all our neighbouring lifeboat stations and as part of today's exercise we wanted to test our ability to enter Porthcawl Marina."

"Our Tamar class lifeboat has a beam of 5.3 metres and we just managed to manoeuvre through the gates with a few centimetres to spare."

BAVO MEETING

ON Monday, May 28 from 10am - 1pm Westward Community Centre, Cefn Glas, Bridgend is offering an opportunity to meet some of the groups that hold regular activities at this busy centre.

You will also meet the trustees and hear about their plans for the upcoming year which include a community garden.

Your suggestions and comments regarding such plans will be gratefully received. Members of BAVO will be in attendance and some members of The Dogs Trust who will be carrying out free health checks on your pets. Members from the Cats Trust will be there too, so why not pop along and enjoy an interesting morning.



The Mumbles Tamar class Roy Barker IV enters Porthcawl marina.

it be called upon to tow

in any boats requiring assistance in the channel along our patch. To

witness their lifeboat enter a relatively small marina was an experience and proved the seamanship abilities of their crew and especially their coxswain."

"Today's exercise was to establish access for the Mumbles lifeboat should

Car charging points for car park?

TWO electric car charging points will be installed in a Bridgend car park if funding grant bids are successful.

The machines which can charge two cars each will be placed on the ground floor of the Rhiw car park.

There are currently no charging points within Bridgend County Borough Council's car parks.

The machines are expected to cost a total of around £20,000 and will

By royal invite!

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Chris said: "I am looking forward to being at Windsor Castle on this historic day. It will be an unforgettable day, I am very proud to have been given this invitation."

Sad death of GEM columnist

STAFF at The GEM were deeply saddened to hear of the death last week of Clive Mitchell, for many years was our north Bridgend correspondent.

Clive was forced to give up the column after suffering a stroke in 2017.

He was assiduous in collating community news in the area, and was passionate about keeping people informed of events in his community. Local news was safe in

his hands – especially musical events, as Clive was an enthusiastic supporter of all things musical, in particular local choirs.

He believed in playing a full part in the community and for many years was a governor at Tynrhyl Primary School, where he paid particular attention to health and safety matters.

His funeral will be next week, on May 21, at 1.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium.

All at The GEM send their condolences to his widow, Dilys.

GOT A STORY?

Then get in touch with us - email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk or call 01446 774484

Harpist raises funds for Velindre

DESPITE dealing with cancer, harpist Catrin Finch is determined to continue her UK tour with Senegalese kora maestro Seckou Keita, and at the same time raise funds for Velindre Cancer Centre.

The former royal harpist said: "When I was diagnosed with breast cancer, I thought my world was collapsing around me. It's the words that nobody ever wants to hear.

"I was scared, unsure, and more than anything, desperate to get started on treatment.

"The team at Velindre have been, and are amazing. The work they do quite literally saves lives and lifts spirits in very dark times. I will always remain indebted to them and raising money is something small I can do to ensure they can provide similar

care and expertise to others in the future.

"The things that keep me going are my music, performing, inspiration, people, positivity and friendship – and raising funds at our concerts is something that is very important to me.

"The response has already been amazing, and I hope people will support me and Velindre and donate at: www.justgiving.com/catrinfinch.

"We never know what's around the corner, so live for today and keep smiling!"

Andrew Morris, head of fundraising at Velindre, said: "Catrin's response to dealing with cancer has been very positive – her determination to keep performing and touring is inspirational. We are delighted that audiences are already responding by donating to Velindre and details of the concerts are at: www.catrinfinchandseckoukeita.com/tour." AS

A chance to win a £50 voucher at Samantha B

THIS season has got off to a fantastic start. Samantha B have had several fashion shows helping to raise thousands of pounds for various charities.

They are also very proud that they have helped ladies choose outfits to go to very special occasions such as Buckingham Palace and the House of Lords.

They have a wonderful collection this season; gorgeous colours, fabulous mix and match; perfect for a compact summer wardrobe.

Last week, they helped a lady put together a complete wardrobe for a summer cruise, from cropped trousers, day dresses, smart trousers and tops and a black tie number – all in one shop.

This Saturday, they thought they would have a little fun to celebrate the royal wedding, so are running a competition.

For your chance to win £50 worth of vouchers, call in to their shop at 4 Wick Road, Ewenny, Bridgend CF35 5BL, wearing a hat or a fascinator and you could be in with a chance of winning!

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dementia advice

DEMENTIA Awareness is May 21 to 27: come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop on Thursday, May 24 between 10am and 12pm when a 'dementia champion' from Barry will be available to show you ways of supporting those with dementia.

Computer aids will be available to download games, for example, as an aid to stimulation. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Family history talk

THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society will be on Monday, May 21 at

the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig (CF32 9RF).

The speaker will be Mr Glyn Williams on 'The Mysteries of the Brunel Family'; doors open 7pm, talk to start 7.30pm. Refreshments available and everyone welcome.

Plant sale

A PLANT sale takes place on Saturday, May 26, from 10am-12.30pm, at Cowbridge Lesser Town Hall, CF71 7AD, on behalf of the Hardy Plant Society South Wales Group.

Interesting and unusual plants as well as teas, coffees and home made cakes. Free entry, non-members welcome. For further information, contact 01446 774036.



The Tailor Made Travel team of Daniel Pearce, Claire Morgan and Simon Morgan receive their award from Gary Gillespie, national sales manager of award sponsor Superbreak.

Vale travel agency scoops top award

A HIGH street travel agency in the Vale with branches in Cowbridge, Penarth, Barry, and Llantwit Major has been named as one of the best agencies in the UK and Ireland.

Tailor Made Travel has been selected as the Top Travel Agency in Wales, as part of a power-list of the best

agents in Britain by the Travel Trade Gazette.

The TTTG Top 50 Travel Agencies list was revealed in a ceremony in Birmingham after an extensive judging process, in which agencies were rated by tour operators and other suppliers, and then assessed by travel trade journalists.

More than 900 travel agencies and branches put themselves forward for consideration for TTTG's Top 50 Travel

Agencies 2018 – in association with Kuoni – from which a shortlist of 95 finalists across 12 regional and seven nationwide categories was devised.

Simon Morgan, founder and CEO of Tailor Made Travel said: "Winning this award means everything to us. It brings well deserved recognition to our incredible team of dedicated and hard-working staff."

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Phil Steele to appear at Barry Arts Festival

RUGBY commentator Phil Steele will be the next guest at this year's Barry Arts Festival, speaking on the evening of Wednesday, May 23 at Romilly's Café in the Knap, Barry (7.30pm start).

Cardiff-born Steele, whose autobiography *Nerves of Steele* was first published in 2016, was a rugby player and commentator who has also spoken out about his mental health issues with depression and anxiety.

He has been a pitch-side commentator and Scrum V presenter for many years, as well as being a former teacher for children with special educational needs.

Barry Arts Festival organiser, Dot Connell, said: "Phil Steele is well known as an after-dinner speaker, with stories of his time as a rugby player and commentator around the globe.

"His autobiography also reveals his less public side and his challenges with depression and anxiety, an appropriate topic for discussion just after mental health awareness week.

"As a commentator, his voice will be familiar to many watching rugby

on Welsh television over the years, so come and listen to him speak in his own words."

There are less than 20 tickets left for the event, which cost £10 includes a meat or cheese platter. To reserve a seat, contact Dot Connell on 07982 319456 or dot.connell@virgin.net.

The festival is sponsored by Barry Town Council and Newydd Housing Association.



Georgian women who fought against inequality

MIKE Rendall's *Trailblazing Women Of The Georgian Era* offers an insight into the world of gender equality in the 18th century.

It looks at the reasons for that inequality – the legal barriers, the lack of education, the prejudices and misconceptions held by men – and also examines the reluctance of women to compete on an equal footing.

Why did so many women accept that a woman's place was in the home?

Using 17 case studies of women who succeeded despite all the barriers and opposition, the author asks why, in the light of their success, so little progress was made moving into the Victorian era.

Arts and literature, the scientific world, business and commerce and reformers and educationalists are all covered in this well illustrated book by Mike Rendall and published by Pen-and-Sword at £14.99.

BRIAN LEE

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 1) 2018

1. Ar 15 Mai 2018 gwnaeth Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Ddeddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, Orchymyn a fydd yn gwaredu'r mannau parcio i bobl anabl yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn yr Atodlenni 1 a 2 isod.
2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 21 Mai 2018, neu ar y dyddiadau y bydd yr arwyddion a'r marciau ffordd yn cael eu gwaredu, pa brynag un fydd yr olaf a chaiff ei alw'n "Orchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygiad) (Rhif 1) 2018"
3. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynlluniau sy'n dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.
4. Os ydych am gwestiynu dilyyswydd y Gorchymyn neu'r darpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddyfarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail nas cydymffurfirwyd ag unrhyw un o'nyfynion y Ddeddf, mae unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r pwydd hwn o fewn chwe wythnos o 21 Mai 2018.

Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn Cyngor Bro Morgannwg (Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio) (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATOLDEN 1

Cynnig i Dynnu Man Parcio i Bobl Anabl

Stryd y Castell, y Barri (34) (AX49)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 32 a 34 tua'r de-ddwyrain am 5.3 metr.

St Marys Avenue, y Barri, (66) (AX53)

Ar ochr y de-orllewin, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 66 a 68, tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Vale Street, y Barri (35 a 48) (AX49)

Ar ochr y de, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 33 a 35, tua'r gorllewin am 5 metr.

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 46 a 48 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Dock Street, Penarth (23) (AI63)

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 22 a 23 tua'r de-ddwyrain am 5 metr.

ATOLDEN 2

Tynnw'r man parcio i bobl anabl presennol gan roi man Aros Cyfyngedig Dydd Llun i ddydd Sadwrn 8am tan 6pm 2 awr dim dychwelyd o fewn 2 awr ac eithrio Deiliad Twrwydd i Breswylwyr yn ei le.

Lower Morel Street, y Barri (27) (AV53)

Ar ochr y de-orllewin, o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 25 a 27, tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.2 metr.

Pyke Street, y Barri (28) (AU52)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o'r ffin rhwng rhifau eiddo 27 a 28 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5.2 metr.

Dyddiedig 17 Mai 2018.

Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, The Alps, Gwenf6. CF5 6AA.



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 1) ORDER 2018

1. On the 15th May 2018 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order to remove the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in Schedules 1 and 2 below.
2. The Order will come into operation on 21st May 2018 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are removed whichever is the later and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 1) Order 2018"
- 3 A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 21st May 2018 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Proposed Revocation of Disabled Persons Parking Places

Castle Street, Barry (34) (AX49)

On its north east side from the boundary line between property numbers 32 and 34 in a south easterly direction for a distance of 5.3 metres.

St Marys Avenue, Barry (66) (AX53)

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 66 and 68 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Vale Street, Barry (35 and 48) (AX49)

On the south side from the boundary line of property numbers 33 and 35 in a westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 46 and 48 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

Dock Street, Penarth (23) (AI63)

On the north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 22 and 23 in a south easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres.

SCHEDULE 2

Revoke the existing disabled persons parking place and replace with Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except Resident Permit Holders.

Lower Morel Street, Barry (27) (AV53)

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 25 and 27 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5.2 metres.

Pyke Street, Barry (28) (AU52)

On its north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 27 and 28 in a north westerly direction for a distance of 5.2 metres.

Dated this 17th Day of May 2018.

Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.





The men, stranded between a rock and a wet place.
(Photo courtesy of RNLI).

Two men are rescued from Porthcawl rocks

Porthcawl
RNLI launched one of their most urgent rescues of the year when two young men from Newport were caught out by the incoming tide and were stranded on a rock near Newton Beach.

HM Coastguard Agency requested the launch of lifeboats at 3.43pm on Sunday, March 13, after receiving multiple 999 calls.

Waves were starting to break over the rock and the rescue was time

critical before the rock would be covered by the incoming tide.

Porthcawl's D Class Lifeboat *Jean Ryall* was manoeuvred between rocks and a crewman climbed onto the rock to help the young men into the lifeboat.

Once safely on board, they were transferred back to Newton Beach where they were met by Porthcawl Coastguard team.

The casualties were a little wet and shaken by their experience, but otherwise fine and required no medical assistance.

Helmman

Dan Jones said: "Fortunately several people ashore raised the alarm when they did as the incoming tide was flooding and there are very dangerous currents and many submerged rocks at Newton Point.

When we arrived on scene, waves were already breaking near the top of the rock and within 30 minutes of the rescue, the incoming tide had covered it."

This was the second callout of the day. The earlier callout came following a 999 call to UK Coastguard Agency at 12.12pm about a kayaker reported to be in difficulty at Ogmores Deep.

Both the RNLI lifeboats proceeded to the scene as they were in the process of recovering from an exercise.

The Atlantic 85 lifeboat established that the kayaker in difficulty was nearly ashore, being assisted into the beach by another kayaker.

It was confirmed no medical attention was required and the kayakers were met by members of Llantwit Major Coastguard team on the beach.

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THE funeral of a south Wales builder was carried out in true style, and with a dash of humour, when his coffin was carried on a vintage 1957 FG Foden flatbed lorry.

Gwynfryn Watkins' coffin was accompanied on its journey by a wheelbarrow and a concrete mixer too. Mr Watkins lived in Pencoe, and was buried on May 9 in nearby Llanharan, Rhondda Cynon Taff, where he was born.

Geoff Smith (60) a vintage lorry enthusiast who lives in St Mary Hill in the Vale of Glamorgan and owns the vintage Foden, told The GEM: "Gwynfryn's wife Pamela, his family and the people attending the funeral said what a fantastic send-off it was. They really appreciated the effort."

Local carpenter John Jones even built a wooden self-locking coffin carrier and roller to get it on board the Foden and to get it off safely.

The cortege first made its way to Llanharan Church and then on to Llanharan cemetery.

The idea of a vintage truck taking the place of a hearse was first mentioned to Mr Smith by a funeral director at the Malvern Show last year.

"I don't know his name, but he said it could be an alternative hearse. In a way, this is thanks to him. Even people who aren't interested in lorries can see its appeal - it has a

special look.

"We just managed to get the insurance sorted out in time for the funeral."

Mr Smith first saw the Foden at the Dorset Steam Fair and was smitten.

He told the owner how much he loved it and left details in case the owner was ever interested in selling.

He then received a call to say that Paul Johnson, the owner, had died at the age of 30. His parents were keen for it to go to someone who would appreciate it.

The vehicle was in good condition but needed a little extra work on it to restore it to its full glory.

"We had to do mechanical work and tidy it up."

Mr Smith, who runs a clothing business with his wife Sian, worked on the vehicle alongside their three foster children aged 11, 12 and 18.

"They took an active part in the work. Life has been grim for them and it has really helped them in their lives."

Foden Trucks began manufacturing trucks and buses in Sandbach, Cheshire in 1856 - the company was bought out in 1980 and the name was used up until 2006.

Mr Smith added: "It was an honour to help Gwynfryn's family and I was so pleased everything went so smoothly."



The cortege begins its journey to Llanharan Church.



Alongside the coffin were a wheelbarrow and concrete mixer.

War grave discovered in churchyard clean-up at St Iltyd's



Chop, hack, saw, lop, sweep, edge, weed, trim, dust, polish, bake... And even Suzy Davies AM lent a hand!

TOILING in warm sunshine, parishioners from St Iltyd's Church in Newcastle, Bridgend, did not so much plough the fields and scatter, as trim, hack, saw, dust, polish, and generally tidy up the church and its grounds last Saturday.

Father David Lloyd said: "The Grade II*-Listed church, high above Bridgend, has been a site of worship since the 12th Century, and although the grounds are kept tidy, this was a proper task force.

"Some provided moral support, while others made delicious cakes. "But then, almost no church event is complete without cake.

"Ivy was removed, while overgrown bushes were hacked right back, and one parishioner - let's refer to him only as The Strim Reaper - went through the long grass like Arnie through the bad guys."

Not all of the material cleared was quite so natural.

"Plastic bottles, beer bottles, and other paraphernalia were removed," added Fr David.

The church was known to be home to a number of Commonwealth War Graves, and a search on the CWGC

website indicates five casualties from WWI and WWII.

However, only one of the graves has the distinctive, and deliberately uniform, CWGC headstone of Portland stone.

The church, which has a number of veterans in its congregation, will now approach the CWGC to have proper recognition paid to the fallen who lie there.

Fr David said: "A big 'thank you' to all who turned up to help, and a special mention for Roy Ivey, who has done such a good job preparing and repainting the railings at St Iltyd's."

The next diary date for St Iltyd's is the Poems, Pints, and Pasties night on Friday, May 18 at Westward Community Centre starting at 7pm.

Fr David said: "Tickets are £5 and include a selection of pasties and a pint (well, cans of ale, lager, cider, or a soft drink), but you have to provide your own poem. Nothing too, risqué, please: children may be there.

"You don't need to be a churchgoer to attend, but these have been great nights in the past, so warm up your dramatic skills, and we'll entertain each other in verse."

For more information, call 01656 655999, or search for @saintiltydbridgend on Facebook.

A busy year for local WI

IT was the Annual Meeting for Southerndown WI in May - and it was very well attended.

Our president, Lyn, welcomed everyone and covered the normal business matters before we moved into the formal part of the evening.

Our WI adviser Carol Atkinson was introduced to the members and Carol explained the procedure to be followed. The financial statement was read by Jenny and it demonstrated what a successful year we have had. The statement was accepted by the meeting.

Lyn then gave an interesting - and amusing - summary of the events that have taken place during the year, reminding us of trips to the theatre and opera as well as visits to Lacock and Denman and our involvement in Federation activities such as guided walks and foot golf.

We hosted an enjoyable Link event as well as a Christmas carol service. The activities of the sub-groups for craft, darts, walking and the book group, were mentioned along with the recently formed lunch club.

There appeared to be a common theme linking everything we have

done: namely the partaking of refreshments.

The president's report was accepted by the meeting.

The committee members were thanked for all their hard work during the year and Carol then informed us of the members who had put their names forward to form the next committee.

Nominations for president were invited. Only one nominee was prepared to take on the role and we were delighted to re-appoint Lyn as our president for the coming year.

As the meeting was being brought to a close we continued in the manner in which we mean to go on - by serving refreshments.

The coffee morning this month will be held at Annie's home in Lon-yr-Eglwys, St Brides Major, from 10.30am on Thursday, May 24.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 14 at 7.15pm in the church hall, Southerndown Road, St Brides Major when we will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of Southerndown WI.

The committee will be sending out more information about the evening to all members closer to the event. We look forward to seeing you then.

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Royal British Legion exhibition in Maesteg

OVER the past four years, Maesteg Town Council and the Maesteg branch of The Royal British Legion have held various exhibitions and displays.

In respect of World War One, they are concentrating on those men from the valley and further afield whose

names are remembered in the Council's Roll of Honour.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice in November 1918. It is our intention to focus on the 114 men who lost their lives in 1918.

Maesteg Town Council have graciously provided the Royal British Legion with a larger area in which to hold the exhibition, but this increase in space has

left us with insufficient display panels.

The Royal British Legion would like to publicly thank Travis and Perkins Builders Merchant, Spelters Site Caerau, LBS Builders Merchants, Ewenny Road, Maesteg, for providing material with which to build new display panels and the construction training centre at the Spelters site for also providing materials, instructors and young trainees who assisted in making them.

The exhibition will open to the public on October 25 at the Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg. Roy Meredith, Hon Secretary, Maesteg branch, Royal British Legion.

Got a story? Then get in touch with us - email
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Barry Hookers' help for local charity



BARRY Hookers Crochet and Craft group was visited recently by Pauline Byrne from Baby Basics, a local charity who provide support for new mothers.

The group listened to a talk regarding the work done by the charity, and then donated a cheque for £250 to support their work.

In addition to this, members had also made many items of baby clothes and blankets to give to the new mothers.

The craft group meets at Coffee Cove on Barry Island every Wednesday from 10am – 12pm, anyone is welcome to come along. Baby Basics can be contacted on valebabybasics@yahoo.com

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Residents' views sought on Penarth transport

THE Vale Council has received a 'contribution' of £1.4m from the developers of Penarth Heights for 'sustainable transport' improvements near the site, and is reaching out to hear from local residents.

The financial contribution was secured from a Section 106 Agreement which requires the contribution to be spent on improving access for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users, taxi or car sharers near Penarth Heights.

A number of schemes have already been completed from the financial contribution, including: zebra crossings on Plassey Street, the lighting scheme at the zig-zag path, the woodland footpath and steps from Paget Road to Penarth Marina, cycle parking for

key destinations in Penarth and the 95A bus service diversion route.

In addition to the sustainable transport contribution as noted above, the council has also received an additional £160,000 to be spent on undertaking highway improvements for vehicle movements, which was also secured as part of the Section 106 Agreement.

The council has therefore been considering a number of options for improvements to the Windsor Road/ Plassey Street roundabout and enhancing the layout and materials used in this area to create an attractive 'gateway' to Penarth town centre.

The council welcomes feedback on the different options, and would like to hear any other ideas residents may have for improving walking and cycling facilities and infrastructure in this area.

These options are:

1. Re-aligned roundabout junction: this option would retain a roundabout junction. The roundabout central island would be enlarged to reduce the speed of vehicles going through the junction.

2. One way system – Plassey Street: this option proposes to remove the roundabout and introduce a three-way signalised junction with toucan crossings.

3. A give-way junction: this option proposes to remove the roundabout and the primary route would be Windsor Road, and there would be a new T-junction introduced to connect Windsor Road with Plassey Street. The T-junction would not be signalised.

4. Complete one way system: this option would see a complete one-way system in place on Windsor Road from the junction with High Street, travelling north towards Cogan, and travelling south from Cogan along Plassey Street up to the junction with High Street.

The cabinet member for regeneration and

planning, Cllr Jonathan Bird, said: "The schemes which have already been implemented are a great addition and have improved access for those living in or near Penarth Heights.

"However, there is more to do to improve the cyclist and pedestrian links to the town centre and the nearby train stations to promote the use of sustainable transport. In improving the access around this area we see an opportunity to create an attractive gateway entrance to Penarth town centre.

"We'd like to hear what residents think about the options that have been proposed and will look to implement a scheme later on this year."

Residents can respond to this consultation by completing the online survey at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our-council/consultation/Penarth-Heights-Highways-and-Sustainable-Transport-Consultation.aspx or attending a drop in session.



South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies in the control room at Barry Power Station with Centrica Distributed Power Systems Director Mark Futyun, and plant engineers Kevin Cousins and Neil Pankhurst

AM DISCUSSES BARRY POWER STATION CLOSURE

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies last week visited Barry Power Station following operator Centrica's decision to decommission the plant.

Mr Davies visited the station on May 4 to meet with Centrica Distributed Power systems director, Mark Futyun.

At the meeting, they discussed the work Centrica are doing to find alternative employment for the 19 staff at the site as well as the plant's long term future.

Mr Davies was also given a tour of the control

room where he met plant engineers Kevin Cousins and Neil Pankhurst.

Mr Davies said: "Following the decision to close the power station, it is vital we do all we can to find alternative work for the 19 workers at the plant.

"I'm therefore grateful to Mark for taking the time to meet and explain the reasons behind the closure.

"It was also good to have the chance to visit the control room and meet some of the team who took time out of their busy schedules to explain how it all works."

Keen competition at Barry Camera Club

APRIL commenced for Barry Camera Club with a competition in remembrance of one of its members.

David Hunt was a longstanding member of Barry Camera Club. His death in 2013 was deeply felt by club members who knew him for his caving and natural history images, as well as his commitment to the club itself.

Thankfully his presence continues to be felt through a generous bequest in his will – the David Hunt Memorial Trophy for Natural History. The winner this year was Catherine Charlton with an image entitled 'Baby Marine Iguana'.

Catherine was

fortunate enough to visit the Galapagos Islands and this is where her winning image was taken.

The following week the speaker was Johnnie Rogers.

Johnnie, a retired teacher of photography and design technology,

specialises in monochrome and infra-red photography, as well as landscapes, nature and portraits.

The club was treated to some spectacular images and Johnnie explained the comparisons between mono and colour photography and how he processes his images.

His stunning work can be viewed at: www.johnnierogersphotography.com.

Once again the month concluded with their monthly competition night. This month the judge was Dennis Russ who kindly stepped in to judge at late notice.

He gave a fair and detailed critique of every shot accompanied by his gentle humour.

Monochrome Print: Third place Rob Owen for 'Overlooking the Mawddach', second Barbara Archdale-Smith for 'Winter on the Island' and first went to Glenn Porter for 'Bicycle'.

Colour Print: Third place John Dudley for 'Do Not Ring That Bell', second Brian Trego for 'Homeward Bound' and

Brian Trego – Look Out, It's Coming Again!



Church marks final year of Great War

OVER the last four years, the Friends of St Augustine's have been proud to be among a number of organisations in Penarth commemorating World War One with a variety of events.

There will be two final events this year, the first of which is on Saturday, May 26 when Dr Jonathan Hicks will be giving a talk entitled 'Wales and the First Air War 1914 – 1918'.

Dr Hicks, who has written books on the First World War, will speak about Welsh involvement in the Royal Flying Corps, the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Air Force.

He will cover every Welsh casualty and award given for bravery

to Welshmen on active service and will also talk about some of the most famous Welsh flying aces.

The talk will be in the Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth. Entry is on the door: £5 (£4 for Friends of St Augustine's).

Speaking about this event, Cathy Grove, chair of the Friends said: "In 2014, the Friends of St Augustine's commemorated the outbreak of World War One by repairing and conserving the beautiful Roll of Honour in St Augustine's, which records the names of 207 local men who died in World War One.

"We feel the church has a close connection with that terrible war and we hope that the events we have arranged will help us all remember the sacrifices these brave men made." TG

ALZHEIMER'S Society Cymru in Barry is encouraging residents to take action and unite against dementia this Dementia Action Week (May 21-27).

During the week, charity staff and volunteers in partnership with Barry Town Council and Ty Hapus charity will be hosting events at various locations to encourage local people to make a huge difference to people affected by dementia.

May 21 – Vintage Tea Dance: afternoon tea event for those living with dementia, their friends, families and carers, a free event at Barry Masonic Hall, 1pm–3pm. To book tickets email: RobynWalsh@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01446 704925.

May 21 – On the Town: a dementia-friendly screening at

Barry Memo at 1.30pm, tickets £5 and includes song sheets for musicals, and tea or coffee with biscuit served during a short interval.

For more information visit www.memoartscentre.co.uk/what-s-on.

May 22: Dementia Friends information and awareness session. Come along to Ty Hapus Dementia Friends' session (free), 163 Holton Road at 10.30am (one hour). To book tickets email: elin.jones@alzheimers.org.uk or call 01446 738024.

May 27: Dementia Awareness Roadshow: Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Community Roadshow bus is coming to Barry Island. Call in to learn more about dementia, discuss any concerns you may have or learn about the support the Alzheimer's Society offers.

Melanie Andrews, operations manager for Alzheimer's Society Cymru in south east Wales said:

"In the UK, one person develops dementia every three minutes and almost everyone knows someone whose life has been affected. Yet too many people face the condition alone without adequate support.

"So join us on any of these dates to take action and unite against dementia and help people affected to feel included in their community and able to live the life they want."

There are estimated to be more than 1,800 people living with dementia in the Vale. Alzheimer's Society Cymru is here for anyone affected by dementia.

The charity provides information and support, to find out more call the National Dementia Helpline on 0300 222 1122 or visit alzheimers.org.uk/DementiaActionWeek.

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Cautious reaction by the FUU to Welsh Government stance on post-Brexit timetable

THE Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW) has reacted cautiously to a Welsh Government statement setting out a timetable for moving from the Basic Payment Scheme to a new system post-Brexit, stressing that protecting family farms and our rural communities must be central to any future policy.

Speaking in plenary on May 8, Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs Lesley Griffiths

confirmed that the Basic Payment Scheme will continue as planned for the 2018 and 2019 scheme years.

Assembly Members were told that a gradual multi-year transition from existing to new schemes would then take place from 2020, and that by 2025 she would like to see the implementation completed.

Further details would be published in July and be subject to consultation.

Speaking from his farm in north Wales, FUU President Glyn Roberts said: "We welcome the assurance given regarding the 2019

scheme year, but whether a five year transition period from 2020 is appropriate will depend upon a whole set of circumstances which are as yet unknown.

"These include the nature of any post-Brexit deal with the EU and what exactly we are transitioning to."

Mr Roberts said that compared with other administrations Wales had an excellent 14 year track record when it came to implementing transitions to new policies, but that great care was needed if this was to continue.

"Attempting to phase in a new system from 2020 could be damaging for businesses if it is overly ambitious and poorly investigated.

"Given that 2020 is little more than 18 months away, such a system would have to be compatible with current established IT systems if the sort of administrative meltdowns seen in Scotland and England were to be avoided," he added.

"On the other hand we may need to rapidly implement special measures to negate the impacts of some post-Brexit scenarios, such as a loss of access to the EU Single Market, so it's also important for Welsh Government to ensure

policies are flexible and able to take account of a variety of different circumstances, and that their policies do not put us in a corner.

"All the tools in the box must be kept available."

Mr Roberts said the FUU would continue to consult with its membership and engage with the Welsh Government through the various Welsh Government groups which are looking at future policies.

"The bottom line is that protecting family farms and our rural communities must be central to any future policy."

Whatever the outcome of the Brexit negotiations, Welsh farmers will compete at some level with those in the rest of the EU operating under the next Common Agricultural Policy support system - proposals for which will shortly be published by the European Commission.

"Wales needs to be mindful of this, and it's essential we do not adopt an inward-looking approach and hamstringing Welsh producers operating in competition with our EU counterparts," added Mr Roberts.



Not a typical police mugshot. South Wales Police Chief Constable Matt Jukes and Police Youth Volunteers pose for that selfie moment at the start of their walk from Cardiff Bay to Barry Island.

The Welsh 1000 Walk raises thousands for Mind Cymru

SOME £3,000 raised by Chief Police Officers and Police Youth Volunteers on their trek of the Welsh coastline to raise money for Mind Cymru in The Welsh 1000 Walk.

South Wales Police Chief Constable Matt Jukes joined ACC Jonathan Drake, other officer and staff colleagues, and Police Youth Volunteers to help raise funds for Mind Cymru in this year's The Welsh 1000 Walk April 28.

Mr Jukes, who walked the Cardiff Bay to Barry Island leg of the route,

said: "Police Youth Volunteers are so important to us, they provide a helping hand whenever we need it, and help us see policing through their younger eyes."

"I am pleased they have grasped this opportunity for the second year to take part, to keep fit, to raise funds for Mind Cymru and in doing so encourage people to talk about mental ill-health during the process and helping to de-stigmatise issues related to the illness."

"I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to take part this event and walk with our Police Youth Volunteers who are highly valued members of our extended policing family."

The Welsh 1000 Walk is a communal walking event, which calls on people across Wales to dig out their walking

boots and join hundreds of others on one of the Welsh coastal paths and Offa's Dyke national trail. There are more than 70 walks for walkers of all fitness levels, from less than six miles to more than 30 and people can organise their own team or walk alone.

The appropriately named Ian Walker, volunteer organiser the Welsh 1000 Walk, said: "We are thrilled to see so many young people participating and enjoying the challenge of being outdoors and accomplishing a personal goal in a team situation."

"This event is almost exclusively reliant on great community spirit and this has been fully embraced by the engagement of Police Volunteer units from South Wales, Dyfed Powys, North Wales, and Gwent

efforts have also been notable, with over £3,000 raised already for Mind Cymru. "Currently the event overall has raised nearly £17,000.

"Their presence has also helped highlight mental health in the workplace, and in society in general."

He said: "This is crucial to help further the debate on mental health and we are delighted that this is recognised from the very top, by the participation of South Wales Chief Constable Matt Jukes, Assistant Chief Constable Jonathan Drake and Chief Inspector Jason Rees."

"We would also like to extend huge thanks to Sergeant Mark John for his passion for this event, helping to drive it internally in South Wales and throughout the force."

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TAX ADVICE

DO you worry about your tax affairs? Do you know if you are paying the correct amount?

If you need help with form filling, but are nervous about approaching the Inland Revenue, Age Connects are holding a drop-in information session on Monday, May 21 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Just come along and talk to a retired professional tax adviser. Call 01446 732385 for further information; home visits can be arranged.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT

IF you or a loved one have epilepsy, Epilepsy Wales run a monthly support group at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop in Holton Road, Barry. This will be held on Thursday, May 24 from 10.30am to 12pm.

Health care professional Lesley Williams will be present from Epilepsy Wales; find out what is available in your area, support groups and advice. No appointment is needed; call 01446 732385 for further information.

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U3A meets the Sailors' Society

AT the monthly meeting of Sully U3A on May 10, the guest speaker was Yvonne Penn from Sailors' Society.

After a short history of the society, she described the work carried out by its workers and volunteers across the world.

Founded 200 years ago in 1818, Sailors' Society is a charity that supports and cares for an often forgotten group of people. It is multi-denominational in terms of outlook, as are the trustees, staff and the service they provide.

Their chaplains help seafarers and their families, from all faiths and none, with welfare and practical support.

They visit ships in ports and talk with seafarers who are often away from home for many months at a time. The society assists them to keep in touch with much-missed loved ones.

It also helps with access to medical treatment. It liaises with frightened families when seafarers are kidnapped by terrorists or imprisoned, mostly through no fault of their own.

The society builds homes and schools and provides grants to bring hope and security to seafaring communities.

They reach out to seafarers in their place of work, on board the huge variety of cargo and cruise ships and take them practical services like phone cards to connect with loved ones at home, the latest newspaper in

many languages and access to Wi-Fi hotspots.

Present at many of the key ports around the world, the society's chaplains and volunteers assist hundreds of thousands of seafarers each year, extending a hand of friendship, hospitality and pastoral care to all they meet regardless of rank or circumstance.

As part of their mission, they provide a wide spectrum of support services - chaplaincy, spiritual guidance and counsel. They provide welfare support to seafarers and their families, assistance with continuing maritime education and, in dire need, financial help.

Yvonne gave examples of the help offered to sailors who had been deprived of their rights, pay and even freedom. Some notorious shipping companies operate what seemed to those listening, to be almost slave-like conditions.

In these circumstances, the Society has been able to obtain back pay and then repatriate exploited seafarers.

Sully U3A's chairman, Dai Jones, thanked Yvonne for a fascinating presentation.

Sully U3A meets on the afternoon of the second Thursday of each month in the Old School in Sully; new members are always welcome.

The June meeting will be the AGM in place of work, on board the huge variety of cargo and cruise ships and take them practical services like phone cards to connect with loved ones at home, the latest newspaper in

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Championship final beckons for Athletic youth

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He dummed a pass to wing Nathan Willis and stepped inside to cross wide out. Hobby put over an excellent touchline conversion.

Lock Owain Leyshon caught the restart and launched a counter-attack. The ball reached No 8 Will Barraclough on his own 10-metre line to break a tackle and, showing a winger's speed, outpinned the cover to race 60 metres for a try under the posts.

Hobby's conversion left the Scarlets side shell-shocked, conceding 14 points in a minute.

Crymych's response was swift. The Athletic made a hash of Crymych's kick out fumbling the ball inside their own 22.

From the scrum Crymych went right, before switching play in the other direction for hooker Lee Griffiths to cross for an unconverted try.

Following this three minute, three-try blast the game settled until the closing minutes of the half. Ath forwards prop Morgan Clemett and hooker Tom Zielinski turned over possession at a ruck just inside the Athletic half.

Swift passing saw centre Jac Bassett find Barraclough who rounded his man and was again unstoppable in a 55-metre run to the posts. Barraclough's conversion gave the Athletic a 21-5 half time lead.

In the second minute of the second half a good tactical kick from outside



Will Barraclough. PICTURE BY JOHN CANNON.

half Roberts put Crymych under pressure inside their 22.

The Athletic went through the phases before prop Chris Crumpton saw a half gap and had the strength to carry two tacklers over the try line to put the Athletic well in the driving seat with a 26-5 advantage.

The Athletic remained on the attack but a series of penalties against them, resulting in a yellow card, handed the initiative to their opponents.

They put the resultant penalty to touch deep inside the Athletic half, and following a period of pressure, No 8 Rhydian Howells finished off a good passage of play by crossing under the posts. Harry Williams converted.

Crymych continued to press and elected to take a scrum penalty five metres out against the seven-man Athletic pack.

Excellent scrummaging technique saw the Athletic front three - Crumpton, Zielinski and Clemett - negate this numerical advantage, driving the Crymych eight backwards.

When restored to a full complement, the Athletic seized back the initiative and moving the ball wide, wings Sam Palmer, Nathan Willis and full back Levi Hallett all tested the resolve of the Crymych side.

Lock Bassett was also proving an effective line out specialist, both on his own put in and with steals from Crymych throw-ins.

The pressure resulted in an Athletic scrum 10 metres out and nothing was going to stop the determined No 8 Will Barraclough picking up and driving to the line for successive hat-tricks in two youth games, with a senior first team try sandwiched in between. This also gave him 19 tries in 18 youth games this season.

Hobby's conversion sealed the game at 33-12 with 12 minutes remaining.

The Athletic brought on their younger bench to experience the occasion with Callum Swinford, Cameron Lewis, Sam Owen, Jack Obbard, Josh Tidy, Dan Osigirie and Sion Vigus joining the action.

Crymych stole a consolation third try with a quick tap penalty in the final play seeing scrum half Evan Davies cross for a try converted by Harry Williams to make the final score 33-19 to the Athletic.

Head coach Lee Grabham stated: "This was an excellent team performance and I am extremely happy with the boys' attitude, skill and commitment on the day, putting in a huge shift to secure a victory against a strong Crymych side."

"We know Pontypridd's considerable strengths and nothing short of another hard week's work in training and a similar match attitude and commitment will see us retain our National League Champions title this Saturday at Rodney Parade."

A supporter's bus will leave the Bridgend Athletic Clubhouse on Saturday, May 19 at 5pm for Rodney Parade for the final.

The game kicks off at 7pm and marks the main event of a day of rugby at Newport's ground. There will be a £5 per head charge to help cover the cost of the bus.

CRICKET TEAMS BUILD MOMENTUM WITH VICTORIES

AFTER last week's comprehensive victory over Monkswood, Vale CC first XI travelled to local rivals Barry Wanderers for their second competitive game this season.

Once again, the place at Hayes Point looked good particularly for this time of year.

Vale CC began by losing the toss and were asked to bat on a wicket that played inconsistently with many difficult variations. This meant that batsman would have to work hard for their runs.

Withers (33) and Snelson (11) made a positive start but Snelson was run out with a direct hit and shortly after, new club member McCay was the first victim of a foul playing wicket.

Last season's young player of year Alex Upham (28) was again trusted by his captain to bat up the order and did not disappoint.

Upham played a sensible innings as he and Withers went about rebuilding the innings from 23-2 with Withers getting out to the bowling of Hughes (1-40) just before Vale reached three figures.

Shortly after Withers' dismissal, Upham was run out and that meant again a little stability was needed.

Hodges (33) was instrumental in getting Vale to the maximum batting points target of 200 with hard hitting and he increased the run rate, leaving a platform for McCutcheon (34no) to finish the innings strongly.

A valid contribution was also made by Vale captain JP Davies (10no) who helped to push Vale to 215-6.

Barry Wanderers bowled well for large parts of the innings, particularly J Skulion whose gentle away swing gave him figures of 0-16. J Hill's left arm spin was also good as he took 2-37.

After tea, Barry Wanderers set about the chase. Last week, the Wanderers capitulated to Creigiau and endured a disappointing collapse.

The memories of last week must have still been fresh in the minds as the opening partnership of Tudor

(55) and Harris (34) scored at a quick pace to begin with.

Despite some questionable moments Vale did not get their first wicket until the 17th over. The bowling of A Upham (2-18) and M Williams (1-30) ensured that runs, and in particular boundaries, were few and far between.

M Williams took his wicket in the final over by bowling Tudor, who had eventually ran out of lives, having been overawed by the Vale spinners.

This was the wicket that Vale needed in order to stamp their authority on the game, and they did with Wanderers losing their final seven wickets for a mere 46 as they crumbled under the pressure.

Gingell (5-20) was the pick of the Vale bowlers as he took his first five-wicket haul for the club.

He bowled with variation and consistency and was well supported by his team who took three catches in the field.

Other than the spinners, another notable performance came from JP Davies who took 2-23.

Vale secured maximum points and will feature at the top end of the table for another week.

This week, Vale first XI will entertain Machen as they look to continue their winning start.

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Vale's second XI looked to continue their winning ways against Barry Wanderers with captain Matthew Thomas, taking charge of his first home game, winning the toss and electing to bat.

After his side's impressive display last week, skipper Thomas couldn't be blamed for having confidence in his team's ability to amass a total worthy of maximum batting points once again and, having won the toss, elected to bat.

Thomas (67) opened with Rob Gooch (33) and shared an impressive stand of 70 runs for the first wicket before Gooch had to walk back to the pavilion after being out lbw. Thomas, who scored 126 last week

continued his fine form with the bat with some powerful hitting - 44 of 67 runs coming in boundaries.

Unfortunately for Barry Wanderers they suffered a blow, losing skipper George Allen early with a damaged finger in going for a low catch at mid-on.

It required a visit to the Princess of Wales A&E and ruled him out of the rest of the match.

Vice-captain Mark Francis (11) shared a stand of 31 with his captain before being caught off a leading edge at point.

Thomas continued to form vital partnerships as he shared another important stand of 37 with Steve Hiles (17).

Hiles and Gethin Merry (12) added another valuable 22 runs before Hiles was caught off the bowling of Himath Singh (3-42).

Fan favourite James Thomas (40no) added some vital and entertaining runs towards the end of the innings on his first outing of the season and, with wicket keeper Ashley Taylor, scampered many tight singles in the final overs in addition to hitting five boundaries.

Thomas, who suffered a nasty elbow

injury last season was cheered on by his supportive grandmother who was keen to see that no harm came to the all-rounder in his first game back since midway through last season.

James Thomas' innings may cause a slight headache for his captain as he stakes his claim to bat higher up in the order, a wonderful problem to have.

His flurry in the final eight overs helped Vale CC moved from 174-6 to 243-8, another very strong batting performance and for a second week running maximum bonus points were claimed.

After tea, Vale set about defending their total. Barry Wanderers lost the early wicket of Chris Barnes (3) following fine opening spells from the Merry brothers Gethin (2-16) and Idris (1-30), with at one point Gethin having such control he was bowling to a 9-1 field.

However, Vale had to wait a little while for their next wicket, which eventually came when man of the match James Thomas' leg spin was introduced and he bowled Stu Fagg (15) around his legs.

He also went on to claim the wickets of Dafydd Howell (36) and

Aditya Tamatham (12) to finish with good figures of 3-38.

Sharp work at slip by Gooch in stopping an edge led to a run out and the wicket taking was completed by Glyn Jones (1-28) who bowled another good eight over spell.

While Vale seconds' catching was not up to the standard of the previous week, there were some good catches held by Paul Gilbert, James Thomas, Gareth Kelland, Glyn Jones and a first victim back behind the stumps for Ashley Taylor.

For the Wanderers, Reno Defeo (32) and Singh (28) added a useful sixth wicket, 77-run partnership to get four batting points.

Captain Thomas will certainly have some things to ponder.

His team have performed very well seeing them sit in second position in the table, a point behind the leaders but more importantly 15 points in front of third.

Gaps, even at this stage of the season are important. His side have got off to an impressive start and will want to continue this momentum this week at Machen.

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Pen-y-Bont Lifeguards take Welsh trophy



Team Pen-y-bont with the Welsh Stillwater Aggregate Sword

FOLLOWING the successful 50th year of competing, Pen-y-Bont Lifeguard Club was awarded with the Welsh 'Super Club' trophy for 2017.

The trophy is awarded to the club with the highest accumulated points from all national championships. It was a fantastic achievement for the club, but would not have been possible without the hard work and determination of all the members who competed.

2018 started successfully with the club aggregately winning the Welsh Pool Championships for the second year running.

The British Pool Championships were next with teams

competing from all over the UK. The Nippers managed 16th place, with a team of only 25 compared to other teams with 50-plus.

The youth came seventh, seniors third and masters second. The overall medal haul was a total of 29 golds, 24 silvers and 21 bronze.

There were also British records broken by club members Meriel Clode, Millie Wiggins, Emily Ezard and Amelie Clode in the under-17 girls medley relay; Ioan Evans in the open 200m obstacles; Richard Watkins in the mens 40-44 50m manikin carry and 100m rescue medley, and Ian Yates in the mens

55-59 100m rescue medley.

The beach season is now well and truly under way in preparation for a season of rankings, carnivals and ocean championships.

The club is looking for new members aged seven years and over, and new this season is a sandhopper section for children aged between five and seven. The aim of the sandhoppers is to start beach safety awareness and experience ahead of joining nippers. Activities will include beach games like flags and obstacle courses.

For more information about the club and joining, visit www.penybontlsc.org.uk

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Porthcawl win the league title!



The pack are ready for action. PICTURE BY TRACEY WILLIAMS.

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However, Porthcawl's better discipline kept them moving forward and with every man standing his ground and more, the home eight effectively killed off the match.

Sensing the prize getting closer, a super driving maul by the rampant Seaweeds pack saw Birchgrove pinned back into their 22, and when the ball went to ground, the quick recycled possession saw Aled Davies seal the victory by strolling over at the right corner for his brace and the bonus-point try.

Ben Thomas' outstanding conversion from touch for 31-10 ensured that the visitors were well-beaten and the league title secured - and deservedly so.

The Seaweeds will welcome Pontycymmer at 2.30 on Saturday when another large crowd will gather to see Porthcawl crowned as champions.

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Peacefully on 7th May at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, Derick, a devoted husband of June and much loved dad to Karen and Toni. Respected father-in-law of Keith and Todd and an adored bamp of Kristie May and Kyle.

Derick will be so greatly missed by all his family and many friends.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road until his service at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Barry on Thursday, 24th May at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Park & Crematorium, Barry.

Family floral tributes only, donations in memory of Derick may be given to a charity of your choice. June and family wish to thank all the nursing staff at Llandough Hospital for their exceptional care and support shown to Derick and the family.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

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Stephen 'Dimo'

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JONES

Sian Elizabeth

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EVANS

Marjorie Grace

Suddenly but peacefully, on 11th May, aged 93, of Boverton, formerly St Athan Village. Marjorie, adored wife of the late Albert, dearly loved mother of Angela, idolised grandmother to Nick,



Toni and Helen and great grandmother to Layla and Mia. Marjorie was born in Pontycymer, Garw Valley, leaving home at 14 to work in St Athan Village. She met Albert and he joined the army at 15 to go to war, they married on their return, spending many happy years together and working at RAF St Athan Hospital and Dental Centre until she retired.

In her retirement years Marjorie loved to travel, especially to Tenerife. She was well known at Parque de las Paz for her love of music, making an abundance of friends from all over the world along the way. She was fondly known as 'Whoopie'. After hanging up her dancing shoes at the age of 90, her travelling days were over and she returned home to a quieter time.

Marjorie was well known for saying 'I've had a wonderful life and I have lived every day to the full.'

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Iris (née Williams)

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Iris will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting at the Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, 30th May at 11am.

Family floral tributes only. Donations if desired may be made at the service to support the Multiple Sclerosis Society UK in memory of Iris.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis, telephone number 01446 407962.

STOCKDALE

Clive

Peacefully on 6th May in hospital after a short illness, Clive, aged 92 years passed away.

Beloved husband of the late Betty Lorraine Stockdale, a much loved father of Robert, Steven and Beverly, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends but will live on in their hearts and memories.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Monday, 21st May at 9am, afterwards to Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 10.30am. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Clive welcome to Cancer Research UK.

CURTIS

Alan

Suddenly at Llandough Hospital on 6th May, aged 64. Loving son of Mary and the late Ron.

Alan will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, 7 Tynnewydd Road, Barry until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Monday, 21st May at 11am.

Family flowers only please, donations in lieu of flowers will be sent in memory of Alan to NSPCC.

WHITE

John Albert William

31 May 1930 - 3 May 2018

Peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital Bridgend, after a fall at home on 3rd May.

Beloved husband of Anne. John will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

John served with the Royal Air Force Police, Metropolitan Police and for the London Borough of Harrow.

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Molly Mary (née Jones)

Peacefully on 7th May 2018 at The Waverly Care Home, Penarth, Molly, aged 85 years. Beloved wife of John, much loved mum of Sarah, Victoria and son-in-laws Barry and Peter, a cherished nan of Laura and Emma.
Molly will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at St Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Friday, 18th May at 3pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired, for Parkinson's UK or The Waverly Care Centre c/o the funeral director.

TAYLOR

Joyce Davies

Peacefully, after a long illness on Friday, 4th May at Brocastle Manor Care Home, Bridgend, Joyce, formerly of Llyswnorwy. Beloved wife of the late Glyn, much loved mother of Jonathan, cherished mother-in-law of Anusha and devoted grandmother of Rhys.

Private funeral. No flowers please, but donations if desired to the Alzheimer's Society gratefully received c/o W James & Sons, Funeral Directors, Chapel of Rest, Fonmon, CF62 3BJ.

SMART

June (née Cooper)

We are sad to announce the peaceful passing of June on 6th May at the University Hospital of Wales. Daughter to the late Stan and Lil Cooper. Loving mum to Richard and Lisa. Mother-in-law to Jeff. Loving grandmother to Connor and Ember. Loving sister to Kenny, Angela and the late Annette. Sister-in-law to Loraine. Loving auntie to Ian, David Lewis and Chloe. Loving great auntie to her nephews and niece.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors Barry, until the funeral service on Thursday, 24th May at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major at 11am, followed by a burial at Boverton Cemetery 11.45am.

Family welcome flowers, they may be sent to the funeral directors.

REES

Kenneth (Ken)

Peacefully passed away on Sunday, 6th May 2018 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend with his family at his side, Ken, formerly of Coed Bach, Pencoe and Maesteg. Dearly loved and devoted husband of the late Myra, much loved and loving father of Sue and Steve. Loving father-in-law of Fred and Debbie and cherished grandfather of Nisha, Kia and Luca.

Friends please meet at Coychurch Crematorium for a service on Tuesday, 29th May 2018 at 1.15pm. Family flowers only by request, but donations in lieu, if so desired to Alzheimer's Disease Society c/o Maesteg Funeralcare, Saron Chapel of Rest, Nantyllyllon, Maesteg, CF34 0BW. (Cheques only please to Alzheimer's Disease Society).

All enquiries to Maesteg Funeralcare telephone 01656 732202.

MADGE

William James (Jimmy)

Peacefully on 13th May at the University Hospital of Wales, aged 87, surrounded by his loving family. Jimmy cherished husband of June. Devoted father to Amanda, Jonathan and Nicholas. Caring father-in-law to Rex, Allison and Julie and a loving grandfather and great-grandfather.

Funeral service 12pm, Friday, 25th May at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, followed by refreshments at Seashore Grill, Swanbridge, Sully. Family flowers only please, if desired, donations would be appreciated for Cardiff and Vale critical care c/o the Green Willow Funeral Home.

All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys. Tel: 02920 514627

BRODY

Alfred (Alf)

Peacefully at Holme Tower, Penarth on 8th May, Alf, of Barry. Dearly beloved husband of the late Anthea, much loved father of Louise and adored grandpa of Luke. Loving brother of Jean and the late Vernol.

Resting in the care of A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until his funeral service at St Mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, 29th May at 12 noon, followed by cremation at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 1pm.

No flowers by request but donations in lieu to Marie Curie Cancer Care (Holme Tower), Penarth and the Merchant Navy Association.

LOTT

David Henry

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 29th April 2018, David, aged 86 years. Dearly loved husband of Jean and cherished dad to Susan and Jonathan. Adored bamp to Nicola and Michael, Jack and Lily, Georgia and Amos. Special great grandfather to Anjah and Hannah. Father-in-law to Philip and Jane.

Service to celebrate the life of David to be held at The City Church Cowbridge Road West Cardiff at 10.30am on Wednesday, 23rd May, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

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A grey mare and a two day old foal were removed from Coity Wallia Common for animal welfare issues, and detained under section 7 of the Animals Act 1971, on the 30th April 2018.

An Abandonment notice was placed on the common on the 4th May, 2018.

If the lawful owner is not found, and confirmed, by the 21st May, 2018, the mare and foal will be rehomed.

Huw Griffiths, Secretary Coity Wallia Commoners. 0747382723.

The Clerk, Coity Wallia Board of Conservators.

Acknowledgements

PENNELL

Roger Robert

The Pennell family would like to thank everyone who has shown great kindness and compassion to us over the last few weeks.

Roger really would have been overwhelmed by this support.

Birthday

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90th Birthday

Mrs Rene Doster wishes to thank family, friends and neighbours for all the lovely cards and wonderful gifts received.

Send special thanks to Edward, Margaret, Rebecca (& Co) for the great entertainment at her party.

Also, a big thank you to all at the Farmers Arms, Aberthaw for the excellent buffet and hard work involved to make the party a great success.

THANK YOU

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Runners celebrate successful year

PORTRCAWL Runners celebrated a memorable year at their AGM and awards night held at the Hi-Tide last Friday.

As well as individual recognition for some outstanding running, the club's continued team success in both the West Glamorgan Cross Country League and the Bridgend County Running League was noted.

Both the men and women's teams only narrowly missed out on promotion to Division One in the West Glamorgan, while the men finished as the highest-ranked Bridgend club in the area.

Geraint Lewis was the club's leading finisher in the West Glamorgan individual standings in 15th while the women were led by Deb Goule, third overall and top in her F45 age category – part of a catalogue of achievements throughout the year that landed her the female club champion award.

In the BCRL the club finished in a respectable fourth place of the seven clubs in 2017 – up from fifth of six the year before.

More notable though was their record-shattering entry of 47 for the BCRL Merthyr Mawr Lane 5k event – which was also equalled at the first event on this year's calendar, the Ogmose Castle Trail, last week.

Individually Dave Bennett was out on his own for the men and it was no surprise when he also landed the male club champion award.

Other notable recognition on the night



Deb and Dave.



Gareth and Mandy.

went to Alun Williams as most improved male while Mandy Dumagnee took home the most improved female prize.

The club's own parkrun championship was won by Mark James and Sue Thomas respectively.

The chairman's award

went to Kerry Dare-Edwards while the Runners' runner of the year was Louise Mordue.

Clubman of the year was Steve Picton while Lindsey Kale bagged the Clubwoman gong.

The presentations were preceded by the formal business of the AGM when it was decided that Alwyn Thomas would continue as treasurer while Gareth Mole and Toni Cosson also stay in their respective roles as chairman and secretary.

Club awards – Male champion: Dave Bennett; **Female champion:** Deb Goule; **Most improved male:** Alun Williams; **Most improved female:** Mandy Dumagnee; **Parkrun male:** Mark James; **Parkrun female:** Sue Thomas; **Chairman's award:** Kerry Dare-Edwards; **Runners' runner:** Louise Mordue; **Clubman:** Steve Picton; **Clubwoman:** Lindsey Kale.

West Glamorgan – Completed all events: Deb Goule (top woman), Geraint Lewis (top man), Will Edwards. **BCRL – Top three, men:** Dave Bennett, Geraint Lewis, Will Edwards; **Top three, women:** Romana Maine, Gabriella Booth, Deb Goule.

Completed all BCRL events: Andy Breeze, Karen Phillips, Daniela Jones, Hywel Dafydd, Geraint Lewis, Romana Maine, Claire Godfrey and Rob Bennett. **CF**

Bryntirion under-12s are invincible!

BRYNTIRION FC under-12s completed an unforgettable season as they secured their Federation Cup victory, completing the treble for the youngsters.

The side, who were unbeaten all season, completed their invincible record with a 6-2 victory over Talycopa to secure the Federation Cup.

Bryntirion also enjoyed successes in the League Cup with a 4-2 victory over Penyfael as well as finishing top of their league.

A spokesperson for the parents of the players commented: "We all want to thank and show our appreciation to the boys' coaches Adam Lloyd and Brent Matthews for their commitment, belief and



support.

"It gave the whole team the drive to succeed and we hope they are all looking forward to their presentation evening to celebrate a phenomenal season."

The players will now have a well-earned rest before training for the new season begins in the summer. **RI**

The A team in Triples League match action

LLANTWIT MAJOR Bowls Club A team played their opening Rockwool Triples League match against Aberkenfig last Thursday evening.

As the name suggests, the format is for rinks of three players, each of whom have three bowls.

Llantwit's only winning rink was Ian Williamson, Geoff Timms and John O'Brien who scored well from the off and ran out convincing victors by 25-8.

Richard Bayliss, Mike Jones, and Eric Sparks were one shot up on the 17th end, but the away

side took two shots on the last end to see a 15-16 score.

A five on the 16th end by Aberkenfig saw Llantwit's Dave Thomas, Graham Snowdon and Mike Harmon lose by 14-20.

John Moisan, Dave Post and Paul Brown had an off night although they restricted the opposition to one shot per end for the first 12 ends, Aberkenfig scored well on from then eventually winning 8-24; overall match score 62-68.

The game was followed by hot pasties and liquid refreshments and a pleasant evening was had by all.

PB

Under-12s end season with emphatic win

L L A N T W I T MAJOR RFC under-12s took on Llantrisant under-12s away at the Cefn Mably ground.

The first half saw some great attacking play from both the backs and forwards, with the first try being scored by Ethan Harding followed by three tries by Daniel Bartlett.

In the closing minutes of the first half, a great break by Tom Lamerton, followed by some quick thinking by Tom Sheldon, saw him score his first try for the club. The half-time score was 29-0 to Llantwit Major.

Tom Sheldon continued his scoring with two quick tries in the second half.

Kai Harris was next on the scoresheet, scoring three tries as well as converting his tries.

Llantrisant took some solace in scoring three tries late on before Rhys Edwards scored a magnificent solo try converted by Ethan Harding as the final whistle went. Final score 59-19.

As the team takes a well-earned rest, under-12s coach Dai George passed on his thanks and best wishes to Phoebe Edwards and Maisie Wiggins who are moving onto the local girls team.

Team – Blake Gifford, Marley Bracher, Kai Harris, Daniel Bartlett, Maisie Wiggins, Ethan Harding, Owen Richards, Flynn Barry, Tom George, Kelyn Joseph, Tom Lamerton, Rhys Hoggarth, Phoebe Edwards, Rhys Edwards, Tom Sheldon and Brandon Harris (c). **ML**

Remarkable season for Aberkenfig under-16 footballers



ABERKENFIG FC under-16s have just finished a remarkable season.

This season has been their best ever. They wrapped up the league by a margin of 13 points over second-placed Llangynidr Rangers and then last week, in a close-fought game, they edged out Llangynidr under-16s 1-0 to record a historic league and cup double.

Since they have been together, and with the support and guidance of their two coaches Steve Matthews and Andrew Arnold, this squad have not only improved individually but always play for each other, as was shown recently when, with only nine fit players and in blistering heat, they beat a very good Pencoed under-16s 2-1.

This is the end of a remarkable three seasons which started when, in the

2015-16 season, playing as Bridgend Town under-14s, they won the league in emphatic style, going the whole season unbeaten.

The following season the whole squad moved to the Aberkenfig B&G Club and went on to win the Bridgend and District under-15s cup.

This season they have gone one better winning both the league and the cup.

The team will now break up as the players will go their separate ways, but their friendship will remain and their success as a squad will last forever.

At their recent end of season celebration held at the Bridgend Tennis Club, attended by the players, coaches, families and friends, it was said that this special group of players have made a piece of local football history.

PW

BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, May 9: First, John Beard and Liam Sheridan; second, Gilly Clench and David Birt; third, Steve Burgoyne and Linda Pinnock. The winners on handicap were John Beard and Liam Sheridan.

On Thursday, May 10: First, Steve Burgoyne and David Newman; second, Stuart Davies and John Henson; third, Teresa Griffiths and Ann Fox. The winners on handicap were Steve Burgoyne and David Newman.

On Friday, May 11: First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, John Beard and Tony Haworth; third, Jenny Vaughan and Irene Thomas. The winners on handicap were John Beard and Tony Haworth.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Noltan Church Hall. Play

is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Noltan Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Lessons for beginners are being run by Steve Burgoyne – please contact Steve for further details on his number below.

On Thursdays there is a session starting at 1pm on slightly advanced topics – this week Steve will complete his seminars on end-plays.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities please contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or David Newman on 01656 649138. **GJ**

ROMILLY IMPRESS WITH SHIELD WIN

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club began their competitive start to their season last Saturday, May 12, when welcoming Belle Vue Penarth to Romilly Park for the first Carruthers Shield match in their group.

With home advantage and playing a team three league divisions lower, Romilly were expected to win comfortably.

The game began on a playing surface in better condition than at anytime in previous years, with the opposition, although seven behind after the first five ends, clearly enjoying the conditions.

At this juncture Belle Vue were ahead on two rinks and only one behind on another, but the Romilly rink of Des Bannister, Gwynne Rees, Gary Eastment and skip Jeff Wright got off to flying start, holding a 12 shot lead which gave Romilly that early lead.

As the game progressed Wright's rink continued to play well and by the 10th end had gone 20 shots clear.

Other rinks skipped by Mike Doyle, Graham Cogbill and Brian Foscolo were one up, three up and six down respectively with the overall score 47-

29 in Romilly's favour.

Between the 11th and 15th ends Wright's rink went further ahead by 25 shots, Cogbill and Doyle's rinks were maintaining their slender advantages while the rink of Eric Fortt, Paul Swannick, Roger

Jones and Foscolo had reduced their deficit to one, giving Romilly a 31 shot lead, 70-39.

The final quarter began with the 16th end being shared and although the overall result was never in doubt for Romilly it was Wright's rink who fortunately were responsible for securing this.

Also the rink of Jerry Daly, Terry Bloomfield, Clive Collins and Doyle produced a brilliant final five ends, scoring 18 shots without reply, winning 34-13.

The other rinks of Alan Bannister, Phil Edwards, Kelynn Mills and Cogbill, along with Foscolo's, were way below what was expected with both losing by three and nine respectively.

Although Romilly won by 45 shots, 105-60, they will need to improve over the coming weeks should they wish to progress in the Carruthers and get a positive start to their league campaign. **FP**

Huge crowd turns out for point-to-point

A huge crowd enjoyed some exciting racing at the sunblessed Tredegar Farmers' Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Lower Machen on Sunday.

Racing got underway with the Iwan Thomas Memorial Restricted Race in which stable companions Chasing Casey, well-ridden by Ben Jones, got the better of stable companion Shes A Gangster (Byron Moorcroft) to win by a length after jumping the last almost together.

Chasing Casey went out in the betting from 5-4 to 5-2 and Shes A Gangster opened at 8-1 and was backed to half those odds.

Incidentally, Ben Jones had won on 33-1 chance Alottamo at Holnicote the day before for Vale's Scarlet Major.

Both the winner and the runner-up are trained by Amber Mathias at Tenby and the winner is owned by The Casey Club.

Chasing Casey, who is by Milan, was beaten a neck by Kensington Castle over the course a fortnight earlier.

Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, 30, who is riding better than ever, went one better in the Confined race over two miles and a half by making every post a winning one on Luke Price's League Of His Own.

They soon drew well clear of their seven rivals and went on to score by 12 lengths from Carmen Goldsworthy's Minella Arts (James King).

"He won't stay three miles but I knew this was the best way to ride him over this distance," said Byron on dismounting.

There was a close finish to the Mens Open Race in which the eight-year-old chesnut gelding Kelsey (Patrick Bryan), who was pulled-up at the recent Cheltenham Hunter Chase meeting, got home by a neck from the mare Frelia (Bradley Gibbs).

However, but for a mistake at the second last fence by Frelia when upside the winner, the result could have gone the other way.

Pembrokeshire's Jodie Hughes, 34, was seen at her best when making all the running on Bridgend builder Roger Wilcox's Patrickom Boru in the Skippers Ladies' Open Race to win by four lengths from Aerlite Supreme (Isabel Williams).

At the Banwen on May Day Monday, Patrickom Boru and Jodie had beaten Aerlite Supreme's stable companion Hold Court by two lengths.

Jodie, who is on the 79 winner mark, said: "Now that Patrickom Boru has got the ground he likes he travels well, jumps well and stays well."

Llancarfan's Isabel Williams, who is making a bold bid for the national

novice riders' championship, riding her father Evan's Burn Baby Burn in the Young Horse Maiden jumped the second last fence alongside Tally Ho Doctor (Nick Williams), who failed to negotiate the obstacle.

However, so well did Burn Baby Burn appear to be going that a win looked on the cards anyway.

Owner/trainer Evan Williams who 24 hours earlier had saddled Haydock Park's Pertemps Network Swinton Handicap Hurdle winner Silver Streak said: "I bought Burn Baby Burn in Ireland where she had won a maiden only to be disqualified, and she is now up for sale."

Stephen Kemble's six-year-old Another Drama, partnered by Irishman Tommie O'Brien, who is something of a specialist when it comes to winning maiden races, landed the Open Maiden by half-a-length from Long Mile Road (James King) after Tinctoria (Lucy Brooke), the early leader, had made a mistake at the penultimate fence.

Another Drama, who went off the 4-6 favourite in a field of six runners, is qualified with the Ledbury Hunt and is trained by Sophie Lacey, and in his previous start was close up when falling two fences from home in an Irish point-to-point.

On holiday from her home in Australia is Wales' most famous female rider who most enthusiasts will know as Pip Jones.

Pip, who won the national ladies' championship on two occasions, and who booted home more than 200 winners between-the-flags, was lending a helping hand helping the winning connections celebrate their wins with a glass or two of bubbly during the afternoon.

It was also nice to see veteran National Hunt trainer Dai Burchell enjoying an afternoon's racing after his recent stay in hospital.

EDWARD'S DOUBLE
Aberthin's Edward Vaughan, aged 10, landed both the 138cms and 148cms ponies races held after the last point-to-point race had been run.

He took the former on his nine-year-old bay mare Little Replacement and the latter on his 13-year-old chesnut mare the prolific Peateaoh.

The former beat Stretcholt Herme (Jack Osborne) with Megan Ridsdale taking third place on Ryehall Of Broadway and the latter came home ahead of Class Act Annie (Lily Llewellyn) and Don't Tell Dai (Jessica Llewellyn).

Edward has now ridden 14 winners this season and this was his second double this year.

BRIAN LEE

Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, May 8 the final of the Commemorative Cup competition was played at the Farmers Arms.

This year's champions were Hilarie Coles, Tony Denscombe and Phil Denscombe (Red Lion/Llanharry), who defeated Katie George, Jake Warren, Tom Gibbs-Murray (Victoria Inn) 3-0. However, the game was much closer than the score line suggests.

Next week, Tuesday, May 22, the final full programme of league matches for the 2017-2018 season is scheduled.

The Farmers Arms hosts the One Town Hall Square, the Red Lion Inn hosts the Six Bells Inn, the Victoria Inn hosts the Edmondes C, Llanharry hosts the Highwayman Inn and the Edmondes B hosts the Hairy Farmers.

The Edmondes A have a bye.

Present league standings are: Edmondes B (124 points), Six Bells Inn (117), Llanharry (111), Highwayman Inn (103), Edmondes A (101), Hairy Farmers (89), Edmondes C (83), Victoria Inn (76), Farmers Arms (65), One Town Hall Square (43) and Red Lion Inn (27).

So the key matches that will decide who will be champions are the Edmondes B versus the Hairy Farmers and the Six Bells Inn at the Red Lion Inn. The Six Bells require more than seven points while the Edmondes B only need more than two points.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC UNDER-11S CAP OFF THEIR SEASON WITH TOUR

LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC have spent the year fundraising to support their end-of-season tour to Minehead and the Leicester Tigers rugby weekend.

On a hot May bank holiday weekend the team travelled to Butlins and played two days of rugby in glorious sunshine and enjoyed a team weekend.

Before the team departed they were presented with their special tour kit from Cardiff Blues and Wales player Josh Navidi and had a motivational speech from the Llantwit Major first team coach and captain Stuart Llewelyn Edbrook and Rhys Hewitt.

This inspiration clearly had the desired effect as the team played outstanding rugby throughout the weekend.

In the pool stages they won every game bar one, which was only a narrow defeat by one try to the team that finished top.

Having finished second in the pool stages the team went through to one of the top seeded pools for day two.

Again the team showed their skills, determination and fantastic teamwork to finish the weekend as runners up from their tier.

Coaches Mark Ingram and Damian Huggins were delighted with the standard of rugby played and have enjoyed coaching this fantastic group of players all season.

The squad would like to thank Force Strength and Conditioning Gym and Valco Scaffolding for sponsoring the team and helping them to achieve a fantastic tour weekend and all the parents who have helped raise money throughout the year.

AI



The Dragons swoop down on Minehead!



LLANTWIT MAJOR Dragons (under-11s) recently visited Butlin's Minehead for the annual ESF football tournament at the end of April.

It was a fantastic weekend with our football family and a great experience for all the kids involved - two long days full of action.

We were pitted up against teams from England, Scotland and Northern Ireland as well as other Welsh teams -

with many coming from south Wales! The lads thoroughly enjoyed a great trip and all families involved vowed to return.

We only managed to get to the event due to extensive fundraising and a massive thanks have to go to the Boverton Castle, Lee and Hayley Jennings of Llantwit Major FC and Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions, without whom this trip wouldn't have been possible.

MIKE POOLE

Athletic's pride clear to see

ON Saturday Barry Athletic travelled the short distance to Lisvane with a team that was missing a few players.

Lisvane won the toss and batted first and compiled a score of 341 for 5 in their 50 overs with J. Pritchards top-scoring with 212 that included 27 fours and 6 sixes and came in 137 balls.

J. Walsh scored 40 as well, and although most of the bowling got hit about, the fight and determination of the Barry side was brilliant.

Barry's best bowler was Zia Gehlan with 2 for 39, and it was also a day to remember for 14-year-old Wesley Baker who made his debut as wicket keeper with two catches and kept wicket outstandingly well.

In reply Barry reached 226 for 9 with Ashley Baker top-scoring with 77 and Zeeshan notching a rapid 38.

At one point hitting the massive total did not look beyond the realms of possibility but

respectability was the order and reaching 226 gave them maximum batting points. Sanadaji was the best bowler for

Lisvane with 3 for 30. Throughout the game Barry showed immense pride, courage and fight. Barry Athletic's second XI entertained Sudbrook at Barry Island, with Sudbrook batting first and scoring 273 for 6, Charles Heaven top-scoring with 107.

Barry's best bowlers were Perera with 2 for 23 and young Sam

Hokins with 2 for 55; in reply at one stage Barry were 13 for 3 but some solid batting from Perera (48) and Sam Hopkins (41 not out) got Barry to a respectable 126 all out.

This Saturday Barry Athletic first XI entertain Cardiff Cenral at The Athletic Ground, Barry Island and the second XI travel to Abergavenny.

MR

Barrivale Bridge Club results

THE results for the Barrivale Championship pair session 1 that took place on May 8 are as follows.

In joint first place were: Mark Roderick and Mike Best 58.33 per cent and Celia and Huw Thomas with 58.33 per cent.

Adrian and Diana Trickey were third with 57.14 per cent.

The handicap winners were June Reeves and Linda Houston.

As always, new members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join us call any of

the following numbers: 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address where lessons and play take place in a relaxed atmosphere.

While our current class for beginners continues to run on Friday mornings new members wishing to start the class will be able to join the next beginner's class commencing in September 2018.

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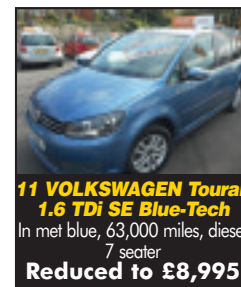
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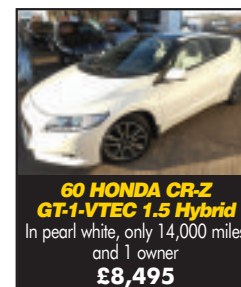
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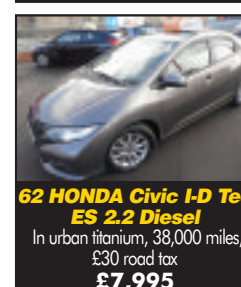
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Vale cup finals wrap up in glorious sunshine



Llantwit Major FC captain Phil Grafton receiving the Dockers Cup from ex-Dockers players and manager Paul Davies, Darren Newton and Mike Conway.

THE final set of Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League Finals took place on Sunday, May 13 in what turned out to be a day of doubles on a gloriously sunny day for the second week running.

Starting the day was the year-7 League Cup final for the Brian Riseborough Memorial Cup between Sully Sports FC and Penarth Town Raiders, who were also crowned league champions thanks to a 0-0 draw with Cogan Coronation FC on May 1.

Penarth Town Raiders' Sam Reid nabbed the first goal at the eight-minute mark, before bagging his hat-trick in the 51st minute, the final score 3-0.

Sandwiched between the year-7 and Dockers Cup finals was the year-8 League final.

Cowbridge Town Reds took on Island Marine FC for the Billy Butlin Trophy. Reds entered the match as league champions after winning 5-2 against Island Marine the weekend before.

Reds took the lead in the 18th minute with a goal from Driscoll and this was the scoreline going into half-time.

A back-and-forth second half took place with Reds pressing for a second to settle the game but the Island Marine FC goalkeeper pulling off a string of excellent saves to deny them a second.

The single goal of the game, however, was enough.

The last game for the day - and for the season - was the Dockers Cup, the League Cup for Division 2, between AFC Rhosee and Llantwit Major FC, Llantwit Major being the third team to play on the day to have won the league title thanks to a 4-



Cowbridge Town Red's Morgan Harris receiving the Billy Butlin Trophy from Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League vice-chairman Alan Smith.



Penarth Town Raiders captain Callum Richardson collecting the Brian Riseborough Memorial Cup from the grandson of Brian Riseborough, Matthew Copner.

0 over BRT Dynamos the Wednesday before the final.

Llantwit Major took the lead on the 11th minute with a goal from Josh Morgan which was enough to take them into half-time. Three goals then came in the second half all belonging to Llantwit - Colm Garrett (51st minute), Phil Grafton (65th minute)

and Steve Phillips (80th minute) completing a whitewash, the final score 4-0.

Once again the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League would like to thank spectators for attending and guests of honour presenting the trophies and medals.

We would also like to congratulate all cup winners and say well done to all runners-up.

The league will continue for at least another week - two at most - and once completed all champions will be listed in full.

Lastly, we'd like to remind all clubs that the AGM will take place on Monday, June 18. MD

The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

L L A N T W I T
MAJOR sealed the Dockers Cup with a 4-0 victory over Rhosee B in the final at Jenner Park.

Llantwit bounced back from Barry Cup disappointment last week to lift the division two cup after being confirmed as Division Two champions in midweek after winning every league game so far this season.

Josh Morgan gave Llantwit an 11th minute lead before second half goals from Phill Grafton, Stephen Phillips and Colm Garrett wrapped the game up.

In the Premier Division, the title race took more twists and turns this week with three teams currently in with a shout of winning it.

FC Barry Belgrade continued to play catch up on their backlog of fixtures, firstly demolishing Cowbridge Town 7-0 last Tuesday but then slipping up to a 1-0 defeat to Rhosee on Thursday.

Saturday rolled around and current leaders St Athan were held 3-3 by Island Marine in a thriller while Barry Athletic saw off Cowbridge 3-0.

However, Belgrade were stunned by Rhosee 4-0 to blow the title race wide open. Belgrade play Penarth in the midweek fixture but then the focus shifts to St Athan vs Belgrade on Saturday.

The permutations are too much for this article but needless to say it's must win for both clubs.

In Division One, champions Sully Sports thrashed bottom side Penarth Town B 10-1.

Barry Saints confirmed second place and their second successive promotion with a 6-2 victory over third place Cardiff Airport.

Cwm Talwg edged out Cogan 1-0 to surely ensure their survival, while Cadroxton Imps shocked Tynenydd with a massive 8-2 win - now they wait to see if third bottom is enough to stay up.

In Division Two, Cadroxton Barry celebrated promotion to Division One with a 5-2 win over Barry Albion while BRT Dynamos completed their fixtures with an 8-2 victory over BV.

Dynamos could finish third but must rely on other results going their way over the next week.

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JUNIOR FISHING COMPETITION NEXT MONTH

ON Sunday, June 3, on the River Ogmere at the Dipping Bridge, Ogmere Angling Association will be holding their annual junior fishing competition from 10am-1pm.

Fishing methods are fly and worm and the competition is open to non-members under 18 years of age who can purchase a fishing day ticket at the venue.

There is a winners trophy and extensive prize list, and, weather permitting, a barbecue will be held after the competition.

Let's make this the best junior fishing competition ever!

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Latest news from Belle Vue Bowling Club

BELLE
Bowling
played
Central in
the
Munro Cup
at
Barry on May 9.

Belle Vue lost by four shots; 57 to 53 in a very close game - two rinks winning and two going down, Central 10, Belle Vue 4.

Rink one went down 24-5. Lead was John Whitfield, No 2 Dave Smith, No 3 was Alan Thomas and the skip was Barrie Bagwell.

Rink two lost 10-5: lead was Graham Duggan, No 2 was Paul Booth, No 3 was Dave

Miller and skip was Colin Scammell.

Rink three won 23-6. Lead was Dave Brady, No 2 Richard Brant and No 3 was Len Fowler and skip was Trevor Ford.

Rink four won 15-12. The score was level to the final end, however Belle Vue gained three shots to victory. Lead was Frank Keen, No 2 Dave Rappitt, No 3 was captain Paul Paterson and skip was Ceri Jones.

The game was friendly; a nice night with good company - and the rain held off until it was finished!

FRANK KEEN



Busy times for surf lifesaving club



IT has been a busy first couple of months for the newly-formed Vale Surf Lifesaving Club (SLSC) starting with the GB Stillwater Championships at the Cardiff pool in April.

The Easter holidays meant that the club was represented by a smaller than usual team who nonetheless brought home an impressive haul of medals and produced many personal bests during the course of the weekend.

The youth team of Abigail Baker, Alice Connolly, Tesni Gardiner, Reuben Hopkin and Emily Parker produced some great results up against very tough competition.

Abbie, Alice and Tesni produced PB's in many of their races with medals coming from Emily Parker and Reuben Hopkin both winning a bronze in the manikin tow with fins.

Despite having to move up an age group into the under-17 category the Vale SLSC ladies finished a very impressive eight in the medley relay.

Congratulations to all five competitors for their impressive performances.

Sunday saw the Vale SLSC masters team of Darren Baker, Sarah Bryant, Nia Hopkin, Dominic Lee and Simon Parker in action.

The first medal of the day went to Simon Parker with a silver in the obstacle race. Simon then went on to win silver in the manikin

carry, silver in the rescue medley and two gold medals in the manikin carry with fins and the manikin tow.

Dominic Lee added to the medal haul with gold in manikin carry with fins and gold in the manikin tow, silver in the rescue medley and a bronze medal in the manikin carry.

The ladies added to the medal success with Sarah Bryant winning a bronze in the manikin carry with fins and Nia Hopkin, at her first GB Stillwater competition, achieving a bronze medal in the manikin carry.

Apart from the medals there were many impressive performances and personal bests in their other races and special mention must go to Darren Baker, competing in his first GB Stillwater competition and coming a superb ninth in the manikin carry with fins.

Vale SLSC are extremely proud of our youth member Ellie Peterson on her selection for the GB youth squad.

Ellie secured this position up against very tough competition and we wish her well in all her forthcoming events.

We are also excited to announce our partnership with Barry Yacht Club, which will provide our members with a much-needed base from which to train.

We are hugely grateful for the very warm welcome and amazing hospitality we have received so far and are proud to be associated with Barry Yacht Club.

Finally, many thanks to Tesco Barry for allowing us to conduct a fundraising bag pack. We are thrilled to have raised a substantial amount of money which will help us purchase new training equipment, an essential requirement as our club grows.

Many thanks to all the customers for their generous donations.

If you wish to learn more about Vale SLSC please visit www.valeslsc.org.uk or email us at valeslsc@hotmail.com.

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EMOTIONS RUN HIGH AS TONDU DEDICATE THEIR VICTORY TO MAL

OVER 2,500 people turned out to watch this highly-charged entertaining and very emotional Division One Central West encounter dedicated to the memory of a Tondy legend Matthew 'Mal' Morgan, who sadly passed away earlier in the week.

Tondy captain Hywel Davies lead the teams out through a guard of honour provided by the mini and junior sections of Tondy RFC.

Mal's No.7 shirt was then carried out to the halfway line before being presented to his parents.

There wasn't a dry eye in the house by the time the whistle went to start the match on this

difficult evening for all connected with the club.

Tondy went straight at their visitors from the outset and it wasn't long before Josh Tatchell opened their account with a well-judged penalty.

Midway through the first half Lloyd Bradley kicked a penalty for the Quins, only for the home side to launch a slick handling move down the right for Matthew Murphy to sail over in the corner. Tatchell landed the conversion from the touchline.

The half-time score was Tondy 10, Maesteg Quins 3.

Almost straight from the start of the second period some superior handling from the home side saw Ashton Evans finish with a splendid try. Tatchell again adding the extra points to make it 17-3.

Unsurprisingly, this game did boil over on a



ABOVE: Mal's shirt is taken onto the pitch and ABOVE RIGHT: Captain Hywel Davies leads the teams out through a guard of honour. ALL PICTURES BY GARETH ANTHONY.



number of occasions and the referee gave players from both sides the opportunity to get 10 minutes cooling off time in the sin bin.

The Quins were next on scoreboard when Jay Ronan crossed for a well-worked try and Bradley added the conversion.

But some sensational handling from Tondy

immediately put them back in the ascendancy and it was Ashton Evans who again finished the move for his second try.

Quins scored a second try with the clock in the red but it wasn't enough to dampen Tondy's spirit as they inflicted the Quins' first league defeat of the season.

More importantly this

win was for Mal, with every player putting in a shift on the night that Tondy cried.

Chairman Graham Thomas added: "Its an occasion no club would want to hold - honouring one of our most treasured and respected players after Mal's sudden passing has been incredibly emotional."

"The tragedy has struck us and the reaction from our whole club in coming together to honour Mal and offer support to his family has been incredible."

"Around 160 mini and junior players were lined up as a guard of honour for the teams and the presentation of Mal's No.7 jersey to his parents was a fitting

tribute to such a legend of our club.

"I'd also like to say how supportive Maesteg Quins have been in accepting to play the fixture at Pandy Park so we could pay tribute to Mal. The game was as tough as expected against the outstanding newly-crowned champions."

"Our boys played

their hearts out and deserved the win on the night which, along with the tribute and sheer number of supporters at Pandy Park, went a little way to giving Mal's family the comfort that he was loved and respected by our whole community."

MIKE SULLY

Victory sees Porthcawl RFC crowned champions!



ABOVE LEFT: Josh White kicks for goal and ABOVE RIGHT: Aled Davies crosses the line for Porthcawl. ALL PICTURES BY TRACEY WILLIAMS.

PORTHCAWL RFC's best season, possibly ever, saw them take the league title on Saturday with an outstanding and comprehensive 31-10 home win and 'double' against season-long table-toppers Birchgrove in front of a very large South Road crowd.

Although they will not officially win the title until they have played Pontycymmer at home in this coming Saturday's final match of the campaign, they are well clear and cannot be overtaken and will take the league and cup double for the 2017-18 season, a magnificent achievement.

Against a stubborn and capable Birchgrove side, a good start was vital and it couldn't have gone better.

As the home side got immediately into their stride, a bout of superb passing across the backline saw centre Aled Davies storm through to score under the posts, outside-half Josh White adding the points to the try for 7-0 inside two minutes.

With the visitors employing their usual forward-orientated driving game, getting

the ball wide was likely to benefit the Seaweeds and when on 12 minutes, Davies' fellow centre Gareth Rees brilliantly dummied his way through from 35 metres to sprint and score at the posts. White's conversion made it 14-0, just reward for some exceptional attacking play.

The home side's pack was supplying a good amount of useful possession from all phases yet pushing for openings can often have the opposite effect and the visitors got back on track with a try of their own on 23 minutes.

With Porthcawl pushing for a third try, an interception around halfway provided the opportunity for Birchgrove's flying wing Evans to pin his ears back and hare for the corner to make it 14-5.

With half-time approaching, there was still time for drama as an illegal Birchgrove tackle provided White with the opportunity to kick a well-taken penalty and push to score to 17-5, yet back came Birchgrove who were not going to lie down without a fight.

Following some great driving play up the right, again it was Evans scooting over for his second try, with Porthcawl wing

Jake Thomas in the bin for a yellow card and at 17-10, there seemed little in it at the break.

The half-time pep talk from coach Rhys James again galvanised his charges and they set about the most important second half of the season with an accomplished display.

Full-back Ben Thomas, who has been a revelation in many matches with his assured handling, running and kicking skills, cut through the midfield to carve the opening 40 metres out, before finding wing Jordan Fox who took the move on towards the posts.

As Fox was stopped, there was flanker Jake Furness at his shoulder, to power over, defenders hanging from his back, for an outstanding try goalied by White and at 24-10, the visitors had a mountain to climb.

There followed a period of forward orientated play as Birchgrove did their best to get on terms and there followed an unsavoury period of frustration as tempers flared and a couple of dust-ups crept into the frenzied play, with a cheap late tackle on White spoiling the match.

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Athletic Youth win through to championship final

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC youth, having retained their Ospreys A League title, are now on course to repeat last season's National League Championship win.

Following a 33-19 win against Scarlets Regional Champions Crymch, formidable Blues Regional Champions Pontypridd, after a win against north Wales Champions Nant Conwy, stand in their way at Rodney Parade, Newport this Saturday, May 19.

Bridgend Athletic, with an under-strength side, were defeated in the quarter-finals of the Welsh Youth Cup by 18 points to nil at Crymch earlier in the season.

On this occasion, with most of their Ospreys regional players available, they outscored their opponents by five tries to three to record a well-deserved victory.

The tone of the Athletic commitment was established in the opening minutes. Crymch's hard-running centre attempted to run through Athletic centre Joe Patterson.

Patterson's bone crunching tackle left his



ABOVE: Chris Crumpton fights his way through the Crymch defence. PICTURE BY JOHN CANNON.

opposite number crumpled on the deck and unable to continue. Crymch, playing a forward orientated game with tactical kicking, pinned the Athletic back inside their own half in the early stages.

No 8 Will Barraclough then showed what was to come, breaking from a lineout inside his 22 and linking with prop Chris Crumpton.

Outside half Morgan Roberts, showing great maturity for a first-year youth player, put the ball over the Crymch

defenders, but from a promising position inside the Crymch 22 the Athletic were caught offside and Crymch cleared their lines.

From a scrum 35 metres out scrum half Matthew Hobby, via Roberts, released the backs.

Centres Patterson and Caine Woolerton committed the defence before a long pass found flanker Tom Davies out near the wing.

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